



The Sea Coast Echo

MARCH 7, 1999

Bay council zaps zoning proposals

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Two newcomers to Bay St. Louis saw their plans for property modifications zapped Tuesday at City Council.

The action came during an hours-long meeting, which ended behind closed doors, where members were to talk about negotiations on a drainage project contract.

In the zoning matters, Kevin and Sherry Webster were denied permission to put a 176-square foot sign on the side of the building that once housed Mary Carter's Paint Store at 126 Blaize Ave. The city's sign ordinance allows no more than 37.5 square feet at that location, officials said.

The Websters said they had spent some \$50,000 renovating the building in the city's Depot District as an art gallery and coffeehouse. Most of the "sign" at issue, they said, would be a mural by Kevin Webster, himself an artist.

"We moved here because of the art community," Sherry Webster said, saying their work to upgrade the building will be an asset to the community. The mural, she added, is not unlike many on Main Street, where whole sides of buildings have been painted.

But Council President

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Supervisors fund improvements for Waveland parks

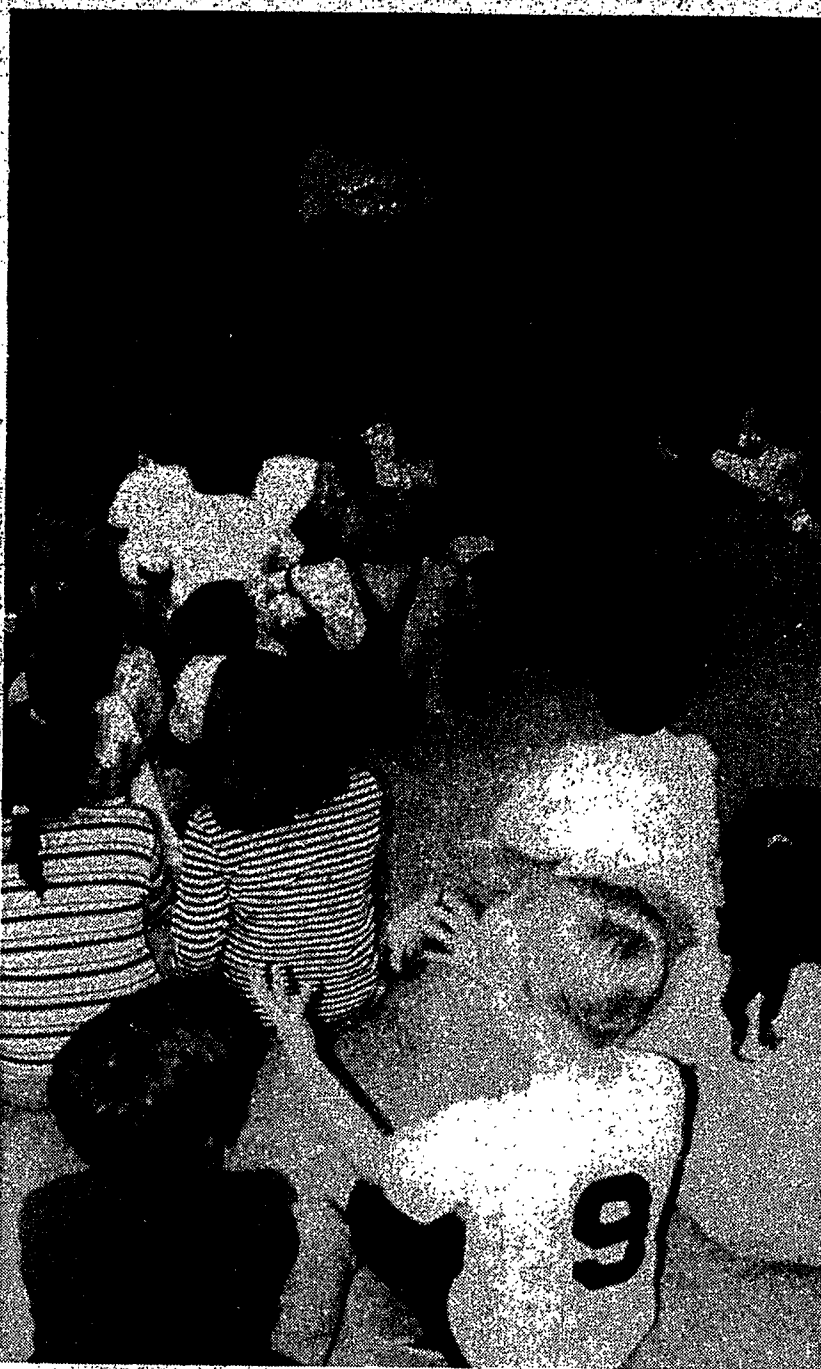
BY BETSY GAGNET

Waveland parks will soon be getting some improvements thanks to a \$25,000 contribution from the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Waveland Board of Aldermen, Hancock County District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner told the board and Mayor Tommy Longo that

the county had approved allocating the money to the city for improvement and repairs to the parks. Ladner said the county's resolution allocating the funds did not specify a particular park on which the money must be spent, but that it be used on recreational activities.

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Buckles says, 'Buckle up!'

Students at North Bay Elementary School hear a message of safety from Buckles the Rabbit and his pal, Kim Richardson. The pair have been visiting schools in the Hancock County area to impress upon students the importance of wearing seat belts. The Bay St. Louis Police Department invited Buckles and Kim in conjunction with a grant from the Office of Highway Safety administered by the University of Southern Mississippi. Richardson is project director. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)

Diamondhead woman faces embezzlement charges

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

A Diamondhead resident was arrested Wednesday night and charged with embezzlement, Sheriff Ronald Peterson reports.

Peterson said, "Diana N. Wilson, 30, 5407 Indian Hill Blvd., Diamondhead, was arrested and charged with the alleged embezzlement of her employer, Patricia Willis, attorney."

The alleged embezzlement occurred over a 16-18-month time frame Peterson said, and bond was set at \$100,000 for Wilson, who was bonded out Thursday afternoon.

The case is being handled by investigators from the District Attorney's office and investigators from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Peterson said.

Hearings scheduled on grants

BY ED LEPOMA

Two public hearings scheduled next week will hopefully lay the groundwork needed to land a recreational trails grant for a combination pedestrian walkway and bike path in Hancock County.

The grant, from the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, would finance a pedestrian walkway along the beach, stretching from the Washington Street pier in Bay St. Louis to the Garfield-Ladner pier in Waveland, and a bikepath

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Parents meeting

Hancock Junior High School invites all parents of seventh grade students to view the plans for the new middle school building on March 9 at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Information to help parents and students in completing the Hancock Middle School course selection sheet will be distributed during the meeting.

Parents with questions about the meeting may call 467-2251.

Landowners organize

Hancock and Harrison counties landowners have recently organized a joint county Forestry Association. With timber production in the two counties reaching over \$25 million, forestry is a great economic asset.

Future meetings will include topics such as marketing, tax and timber management, reforestation programs and more.

Timber landowners are urged to get involved.

If interested, contact Joe Pettigrew, association president, at 255-3580, or Mike Keene, Hancock County agent, at 467-5456.

Harbor Commission

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission will have its next meeting at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8 at their office, 706 Hwy. 90, Waveland.

TIDES

WEEK OF 3-7-99

	High	Low
Mon.	3:45 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
Tue.	4:05 p.m.	2:42 a.m.
Wed.	5:35 p.m.	4:42 a.m.
Thurs.	6:34 p.m.	5:34 a.m.
Fri.	7:34 p.m.	6:33 a.m.
Sat.	8:33 p.m.	7:09 a.m.
Sun.	9:31 p.m.	7:52 a.m.

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Task Force agents seized these 27 packages of Methamphetamine (meth) Friday morning. The meth had a street value of approximately \$1.3 million. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)

\$1.3 million in meth Task force claims largest coastal bust

BY B. R. HAWKINS

With a street value of \$1.3 million, the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force made the largest coastal drug bust in history Friday morning.

According to Task Force Di-

rector Shane Corry, Lt. Tim Broder and Deputy Abe Long stopped a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice on I-10 at approximately 2:42 a.m. Friday, March 5, on a

BUST-PAGE 8A

Family files lawsuit in race driver's death

BY ED LEPOMA

The family of a Kila race car driver is suing the Harrison County Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Department and a deputy in the vehicular death of the driver and his brother's serious injuries.

Just hours after he raced at Sun Coast Speedway, Brett Lacoste, 26, was killed before midnight on Aug. 29 when his 1987 Mazda pickup was broadsided by a 1992 Crown Victoria patrol car driven by Deputy Chad Sablich. His brother, Steven Lacoste, 35, was seriously injured in the accident at Dubuison and Firetower Roads in western Harrison County.

The accident caught the attention of producers of ABC's

LAWSUIT-PAGE 8A

Firm says landfill will be a 'win-win' situation

BY ED LEPOMA

The President of the firm that wants to build a combination rubbish site/landfill in Hancock County says it will be a "win-win situation" for the county.

Paige York-Losee hosted an informational luncheon at Waveland's Holiday Inn last Wednesday, and made a draft presentation of points she hopes to air at next Wednesday night's public hearing on the landfill.

She told her luncheon audience, "We've still got a long way to go." She said it would be 12 to 18 months to go through the rigorous permitting process, "before anything ever comes out of the ground."

Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority holds a public hearing at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road at 7 p.m. Wednesday on its plans to amend the county's 20-year Solid Waste Plan. Part of those plans would be to build a landfill in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Losee brought to the luncheon with her Victor Donald, an engineer with GeoEngineering

out of Baton Rouge, who has supervised soil borings on the 720-acre tract selected off Texas Flat Road, and Jackson-based Alec Van Ryan, representing Malcolm Pirnie, a firm of environmental engineers, scientists and planners.

Losee said the site selected was "3.5 miles from the nearest house," and the landfill would be another 1.25 miles from the entrance to the facility.

Donald said a 250-yard buffer was required around the site, and the tall pine trees would be preserved. He showed a slide, claiming, "If the waste pile was 100 feet high, you wouldn't be able to see it from the street."

Losee and the engineers answered several questions during and after the luncheon, and welcomed input from the audience.

She commended Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority and the Authority's attorneys for the months of negotiations that has resulted in a draft agreement that would allow Mississippi Waste of Hancock County to begin the long

process of permitting, building and later operating the landfill. Highlights of that draft agreement were detailed in Thursday's issue of the Echo: Mississippi Waste offers all Hancock County residents free disposal of household garbage and rubbish for the next 30 years. It estimates it will pay the Authority more than \$2 million in host fees each year, spend \$36,000 to educate citizens on recycling, employ Hancock County residents, and spend \$45 million to build the facility.

Someone from the audience asked how the capacity of the landfill can be assured?

Losee said the Authority has imposed a daily average "cap" on the amount of waste that can be dumped at the landfill. The draft agreement also stipulates each year, the landfill operator must have a professional engineer certify that the landfill has maintained adequate capacity for Hancock County's waste for the next 30 years.

What about out-of-state garbage, another person asked. Losee said the landfill's

LANDFILL-PAGE 8A

Hancock's Emergency Planning Committee meets at GE Plastics

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The Hancock County Local Emergency Planning Committee, (LEPC), held its quarterly meeting at GE Plastics, Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Andy Nitiss, environmental officer for GE Plastics, discussed the industry's Risk Management Plan with LEPC members.

GE Plastics on Wednesday, March 10, 10 a.m., will hold a meeting for the general public on GE's Risk Management

Program (RMP) at the Holiday Inn Waveland.

GE Plastics will also hold a second meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 5 p.m. at the Port Bienville Industrial Park Training Center for that area's general public and industry's information.

At the LEPV meeting, Jerry Hemphill, of the Hancock Port & Harbor, gave an update on happenings at the Port. He gave a brief update on the fire station, the proposed clinic for

Hancock Medical Center, which is to be constructed next to the Port's training center.

Hemphill also announced the receiving of a grant in the amount of \$293,000 to assist with dredging in Little Lake which had silted over.

Jay Richard with Poly Chem, a new industry at the Port, discussed his industry and its operations.

The facility just went on line

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OBITUARIES

FREDDIE J. BAZOR
HERMAN M. COWAN
MARY GARSIDE
LILLIAN A. GONZALES
WILBERT JACOBS SR.
JAMES KASPER
PHIL HILDA LAGASSE
MYRTLE T. MAYNE
THELMA M. NUNEZ

FREDDIE J. BAZOR
 Freddie J. Bazor, 48, of Poplarville, died Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in Bogalusa, La.

Mr. Bazor was an auto mechanic.

Survivors include a daughter, Angie Comeaux of Picayune; his mother, Jo Marie Wells Bazor of Poplarville; four sisters, Dorothy Newell of Pass Christian, Virgie Hayes of Carriere, Elizabeth Kirkland of Bogalusa and Kathryn Deloris Bazor of Lumberton; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening and Saturday morning at New Bethel Baptist Church in Poplarville, followed by services.

White Funeral Home in Poplarville was in charge of arrangements.

HERMAN M. COWAN

Herman M. Cowan, 77, died Aug. 20, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Cowan was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Tharp-Sontheimer Funeral Home in Metairie for services and burial.

LILLIAN A. GONZALES

Lillian Antoinette Gonzales, 89, died Friday, March 5, 1999, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Gonzales was a native and a lifelong resident of Kiln. She was a Baptist and a member of Shifalo Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Gonzales; her parents, Joseph Matthew and Mary Selph Shifalo; three brothers, and seven sisters.

She is survived by her son, Norman Tully of Kiln.

A funeral service was Saturday, March 6, 1999, at the Shifalo Baptist Church. Burial was in Bayou CoCo Cemetery in Kiln. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

Best rose parents yield top progeny

By Norman Winter
 Horticulturist
 Central Mississippi Research
 and Extension Center

A recent trip to exchange Christmas gifts actually perked my spirits a little when I found a new shipment of roses ready for winter planting on the shelves. The aspect of new plants, changes in the garden, and blooms in the springtime have many of us talking about gardening even on these coldest days of winter.

The 1999 All-America Rose Selections have many anticipating gorgeous flowers if for no other reason than appreciating the parents of this year's winners. One of the 1999 winners is Betty Boop, a floribunda rose whose parents are Playboy and Picasso.

Playboy, one of my all time favorite floribundas, was a Portland Gold Medal winner from 1989. Picasso, also a floribunda, was a Gold Medal winner in Belfast and New Zealand.

Betty Boop is ivory yellow with a red edge. Being a floribunda, it produces clusters of flowers throughout the season. While Playboy was considered a single petal bloomer, Betty Boop has 4-inch flowers with a petal count of six to 12. The flowers have a moderate fruity fragrance.

It has been 23 years since a climber was chosen as an All America Selections winner, and Fourth of July ends the drought this year. Fourth of July is the sibling of Altissimo and Roller

charge of the arrangements.

MARY GARSIDE

Mary Denis Garside, 86, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, March 4, 1999, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Garside was a native of Boston and a resident of the Gulf Coast for the past seven years. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur G. Garside; and her parents, Manuel F. and Catherine Boland Denis. Survivors include a son, Edwin J. Garside of Diamondhead; three grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Wednesday at the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

WILBERT JACOBS SR.

Wilbert Jacobs Sr., 76, of Pass Christian, died Monday, March 1, 1999, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Jacobs was a native of DeLisle and was employed with Ingalls Shipbuilding for over eight years as a welder. He attended Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in DeLisle.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Jacobs; a son, Greg Jacobs; his parents, John H. and Georgia Antoine Jacobs; a brother, George Bradley; and a sister, Fannie Mae Jacobs Charlot.

Survivors include two sons, Wilbert Jacobs Jr. and Henry Jacobs, both of Pass Christian; four daughters, Mary Perkins of San Francisco, Shirley Patterson of California, Barbara Jacobs and Wanda S. Ray, both of Pass Christian; two brothers, Richmond Jacobs of Pass Christian and John Roy Jacobs of Sylmar, Calif.; four sisters, Mary C. Jacobs, Lottie Lee and Lettie Dedeaux, all of DeLisle and Gladys Charlot of Pass Christian; 38 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Mt. Zion United

Methodist church, followed by burial in St. Stephen Cemetery in DeLisle.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES KASPER

James Kasper, 71, of Diamondhead, died Thursday, March 4, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Kasper was a native of St. Paul, Minn., and a resident of Diamondhead since 1986. He was a member of the Diamondhead Community Church and was the retired president of WFB Trucking and Freight Brokerage Company. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge, AARP, Diamondhead Men's Golf Association, and served as a Hancock County Republican Party Election Commissioner. He was a Coast Guard veteran.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Mable Doberstein Kasper.

Survivors include his wife, Marge Kasper of Diamondhead; a son, Thomas B. Panagon of Germantown, Tenn.; a daughter, Pamela Tomlinson of Racine, Wis.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, March 7, at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A service will be at 11 a.m., Monday, March 8, at Diamondhead Community Church with a graveside service to follow at 1:30 p.m., at Biloxi National Cemetery.

PHIL HILDA LAGASSE

Phil Hilda Meyers Lagasse died Friday, March 5, 1999, in Slidell, La.

Mrs. Lagasse was a native of New Orleans, La., and a lifelong resident of Waveland. She served as a librarian at St. Stanislaus College for many years. She was a member of the Hancock Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary, the Blue Jeans Garden Club, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77, the Hancock Women's Club, RSVP Volunteers, and was of the Catholic faith.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James A. Lagasse, Jr.; her parents, Fred C. and Whelmina Meyers; a daughter, Gaynell C. Lagasse, a brother, Brother Linus, S.C. and one granddaughter.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law Jay and Jo Ann Lagasse, III of Bay St. Louis; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne L. and Vincent Sampognaro of Waveland; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. tonight, March 7 in the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A recitation of the Rosary will be at 8 p.m. A service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8 in the funeral home chapel with burial in the Waveland Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to the Hancock Medical

Center Ladies Auxiliary - Pink Ladies, 146 Drinkwater Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

MYRTLE T. MAYNE

Myrtle T. Mayne, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, March 3, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Mayne was a native of Lisbon, Maryland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Enos Lee Mayne; and a son, Tommy Mayne.

Survivors include six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by services in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Lakeshore Cemetery.

THELMA M. NUNEZ

Thelma M. Nunez, 95, of Waveland, died Friday, March 5, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Nunez was a native of New Orleans and a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Nunez; a daughter, Thelma Munsch Huhner Nunez; a son, William J. Huhner; her parents, John and Julia Stefan Munsch; sisters Elenora Vallette and Lillian Lloyd; and four grandchildren.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 8 at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis where friends may call one hour before service time. Burial will be in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

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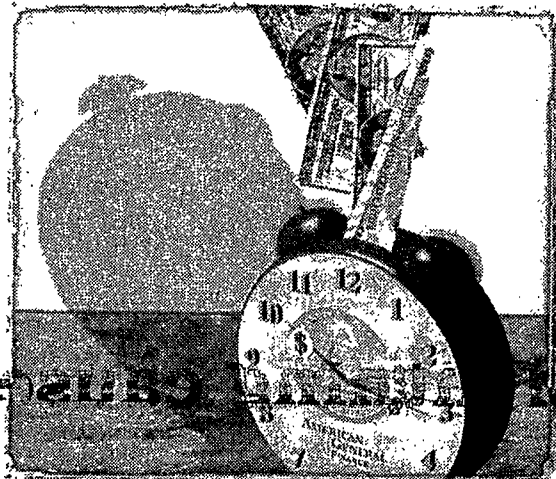
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Koger announces for State Senate

David D. "Dave" Koger of Diamondhead, a freelance journalist and retired military officer, has announced plans to run for the Mississippi State Senate.

Koger was a defense policy advisor and fund raiser for former Kansas Senator Bob Dole during his presidential campaign. This is his first run for office.

He will face two other Republican candidates in the August 3 primary. The winner of the primary will face the Democrat incumbent, District 46 State Senator Scottie Cuevas of Pass Christian.

Koger promises to run a grassroots campaign, saying, "I will be out there every day, meeting everyone I can in the district. To me, there is no more important privilege, or greater responsibility than holding a state or community office and asking fellow citizens to vote for you."

Koger believes that business development, education, taxes and transportation will be key issues during the campaign.

Koger's great-great-great-

grandfather, Joseph Koger of Noxubee County, served in the Mississippi Senate before the Civil War. When he retired, his fellow senators presented him with a citation declaring him "The Father of the Senate."

Koger was born in Jackson and graduated from St. Stanislaus High School in 1973. After his freshman year at the University of Mississippi he enlisted in the Army as a military police officer in the K-9 Corps. In 1983, he received an Army commission and a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado.

Koger served as an intelligence operations officer, diplomatic attaché and Middle East national security analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. until 1995.

Koger began writing professionally in 1993, and started his freelance business in 1995, writing articles for *The Washington Times* newspaper, among others. That same year he co-founded a country music entertainment magazine.

He remains an active mem-



David D. Koger

ber of the Country Music Association. After the Dole presidential campaign, he moved to Diamondhead to assist in the care of his grandmother and expand his family's business — while continuing to write. He is currently working on a biography of a 1960s country music entertainer.

He is a regular contributor of features and investigative reports for such local papers as *Coast Business* in Biloxi, and *Jackpot!*, a gaming attractions and entertainment newspaper based in Gulfport and distributed throughout Mississippi.

Two more incumbents pick up opponents

BY ED LEPOMA

Two more incumbents will have opposition in the November general election.

At first it appeared that Incumbent Democratic state Sen. Scottie Cuevas would have no opposition, but three Republicans will challenge him. The candidates weren't on the original list distributed by the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's office because Cuevas' District 46 seat encompasses Harrison and Hancock counties.

Three Republicans qualified in Harrison County to run against Cuevas and will fight it out for that party's nomination in the upcoming August 3 primary. The candidates include David Koger and James K. "Ken" Overstreet, both of Diamondhead, and Johnny Richard of Kiln.

Likewise, Incumbent Democratic state Rep. Dirk Dedeaux will face Republican opposition in the general election for his District 93 House seat. Gerald Switzer of Pass Christian qualified in Harrison County to run against him.

The latest development leaves only state Rep. J.P. Compretta, a Democrat, the only area incumbent without opposition in the coming elections.

Volunteers collect bicycles

The West Hancock Volunteer Fire Department (WHVFD) in Pearlinton is collecting used bicycles. A program was developed to rebuild and repair broken and discarded bicycles for donation back into the community. In addition, a small electric cart was received, which is used to provide mobility for the physically impaired.

Individuals who have a used bicycle for donation or would like to assist in the project, should call 533-0050.

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Stiglet announces for medical examiner

Norma C. Stiglet has announced her candidacy for reelection as medical examiner/investigator of Hancock County in the August Democratic Primary.

She is the wife of the late Harold J. Stiglet who served as coroner for 6½ years. She has more than 15 years experience in the office; six as assistant to her late husband and nine years as (coroner) medical examiner/investigator.

Stiglet is a certified coroner/county medical examiner investigator, having completed all necessary state training as required by Mississippi law.

She has completed courses covering crime scene investigations, AIDS, firearms evidence, forensic anthropology, serology,

toxicology and odontology, drug awareness program, documentation course, occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

She has attended numerous training seminars, including the southern Institute of Forensic Science Anthropology, motor vehicle/fatality seminar, numerous death investigation seminars, basic medicolegal death investigations, and the Mississippi Training Academy.

Stiglet's on-the-job experience includes more than 1,900 death investigations involving fatalities, suicides, homicides, drownings, fire and natural causes as well as over 400 cases under her husband.

She has attended more than 900 hours of autopsy



Norma C. Stiglet

observations.

Stiglet graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Bay St. Louis and was a longtime branch manager for Peoples Federal Savings and Loan. She has more than 23 years of part-time and full-time experience in the funeral business.

She is a member of the Mississippi Coroners Association. Stiglet has six children, Charlotte Chapman, Charlene Rutledge, Cindy Stiglet, Connie Hair, Harold Stiglet Jr. and John Stiglet, and six grandchildren.

Stiglet said, "I will continue to serve the people as I have in the past, with compassion, dignity, experience and knowledge."

"I will continue to upgrade the coroner's office by keeping abreast of new techniques and methods through continued education in death and forensic seminars and working in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies and medical personnel," she added.

Lightning causes Waveland outage

Late Tuesday evening, March 2, Mississippi Power Company customers in Waveland experienced an interruption of electric service during severe weather.

At 11:41 p.m., lightning hit a recloser at Old Airport Road and caused an outage affect-

ing 770 customers. Power was restored to all customers at 1:05 a.m.

The duration of the outage was 84 minutes, allowing crews to patrol the power lines to locate the cause of the outage and repair the problem.

Mississippi Power Company serves more than 188,000 customers in 23 counties in southeast Mississippi. Mississippi Power is part of southern Company, which is the largest producer of electricity in the United States.

Story hour scheduled at library

"Wonderful Women" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Eduwina the Emu, Horace and Morris, But Mostly Dolores and Raggedy Ann and the Camel with the Wrinkled Knees are books to be read. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will help children make paperdolls.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately a half hour. The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Thursday, which will begin Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For story hour information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724.

Mineral Society meets

Volcanos — learn what they are, what makes them erupt and much more.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Robert Pope, will speak on volcanos at the Thursday night, March 11, meeting of the Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society.

Anyone interested is invited to attend this meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Hebert Wilson Recreation Center on Hancock Street in Gulfport.

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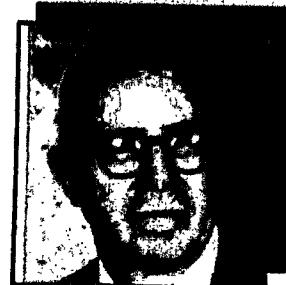
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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

There is lot of talk about the proposed landfill in Hancock County.

A very important hearing will be held Wednesday night at 7 at the Hancock County Civic Center on Long-fellow Road.

Up for discussion and public input is an amendment to the county's 20-year solid waste plan that would locate a 700-plus-acre landfill in the vast buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Although this is an important first step, it will not be the deciding moment on when or where a future landfill will be built in Hancock County.

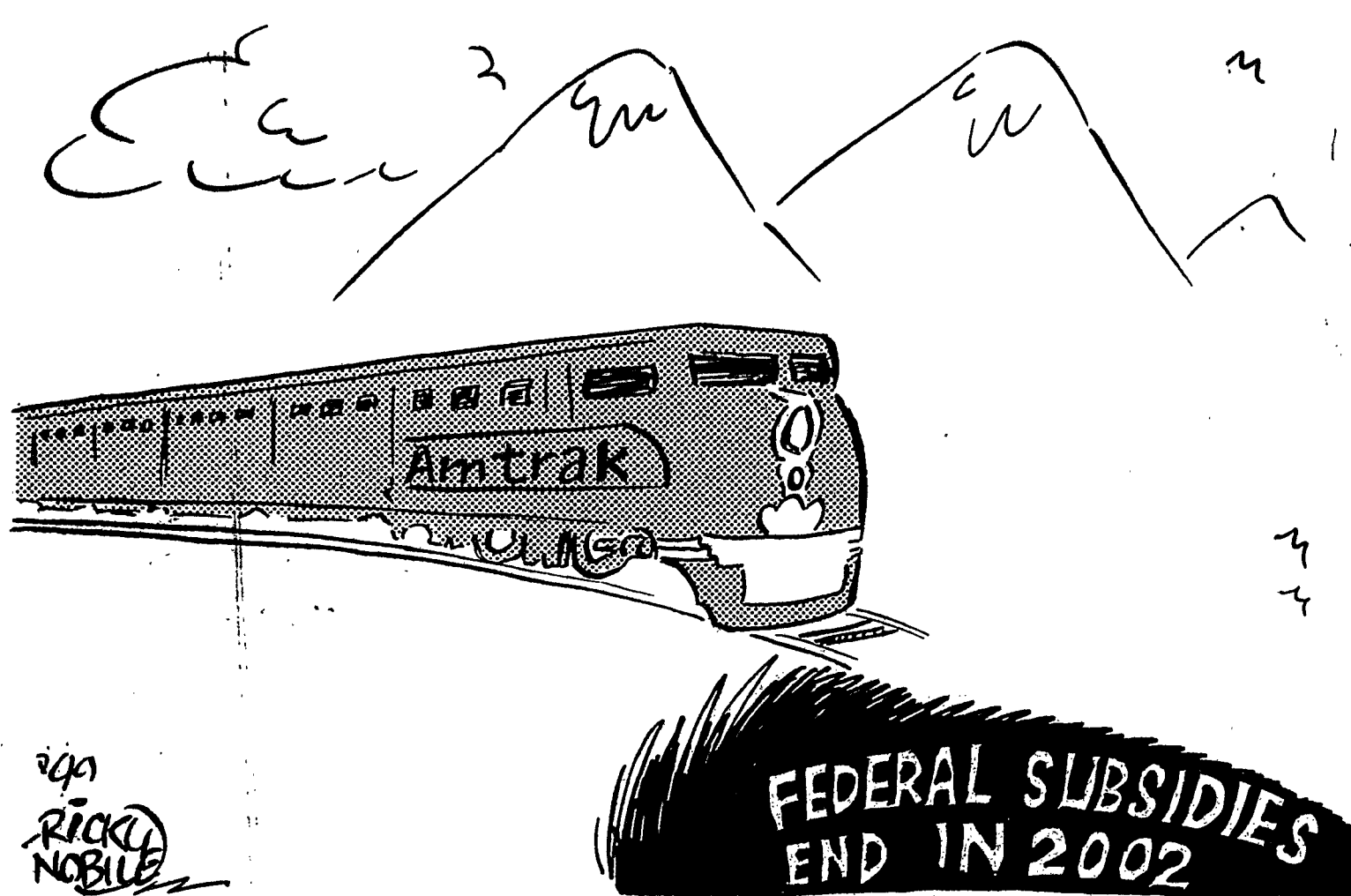
Developers estimate that it will take 12-18 months to go through the necessary permitting process.

This is only the beginning of a long process. Along the way Hancock citizens and others will have more opportunities to voice their opinions and question the developers.

I have been told that all the permitting meetings will be open to the public.

This first step is a good time for everyone to hear the facts and sit back and listen to all the pros and cons about the proposed landfill.

All concerned citizens need to have an open mind and get out and hear the facts first-hand.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
CVSO

VA loan regulations

A VA loan can be used to buy a house, townhouse or condominium, one under construction, or to build one. And, it can be used to buy a mobile home, with some restrictions; or a mobile home lot. It also can be used to buy a farm — but not farm-related items such as machinery or livestock.

In addition, a VA loan also can be used to refinance an existing mortgage or to improve, repair or alter a dwelling owned and occupied by a veteran.

After a brief lapse, in 1996 Congress restored the authority for VA buyers and lenders to negotiate the interest rate. Discount points also are negotiable; they can be paid by either the buyer or seller.

The downpayment on a VA loan can be minimal; in most cases, none is required. Mobile home buyers, however, must make a minimum downpayment of 5 percent.

Generally, VA lenders will lend up to four times the available entitlement without requiring a downpayment. The basic maximum entitlement — the amount of guaranty a qualified veteran can receive — is \$36,000. The typical ceiling for a loan with no downpayment, then, is \$144,000 (4 x \$36,000).

In certain cases for loans above \$144,000, the maximum entitlement can be increased to

\$50,750. That would enable a person to borrow four times that amount, or \$203,000, without a downpayment.

A VA loan can be used more than once. There is no restriction on the number of times VA-backed loans can be obtained, as long as there is enough available entitlement to obtain the loan.

A veteran who bought a home using a VA loan can sell the home, pay off the loan, and "re-store entitlement," establishing it for a new loan.

Eligibility also can be restored if the person buying the home is an eligible veteran who assumes the loan and substitutes his or her entitlement for that of the original veteran.

The funding fee for loans with a downpayment of less than 5 percent is 2 percent, or 2.75 percent for those qualifying based on service in the Reserves or National Guard. It is lower for veterans making downpayments of 5 percent or more.

The VA charges a funding fee to second-time users of the loan program. The multiple-use fee is 3 percent of the loan amount unless the veteran makes at least a 5 percent downpayment. In that case, the fee is lower.

Veterans who have a service-connected disability for which they receive compensation are exempt from any funding fee.

Buffer Zone ideal place for local landfill, but . . .

Dear Editor,

Nobody really wants a dump, especially not anywhere near where they live, yet we all continue to produce trash, and dumps are necessary.

The Buffer Zone is a logical place for a dump in Hancock County. I patrol the Buffer Zone, and unfortunately most of the 250 square miles is already a dump.

Beautiful land is marred with appliances, furniture, auto parts, construction material, household garbage, tires and hazardous waste. We need to have all of this in a smaller, controlled area. A lot of this is coming from Pearl River County and Louisiana.

I have spent many hours digging through trash to find addresses to track people down and have them clean up their mess. I have had some success,

but sometimes it is just impossible.

I remember hearing talk about recycling, but the Hancock supervisors were checking into it, because it would cost quite a bit to implement this. Even if it would cost the county it would be the moral and environmentally correct thing to do.

Maybe it could be staffed with Hancock County inmates to save us money and one day even make money for us.

I am 100 percent against taking in other people's garbage. I would be willing to pay three times the amount I already pay and have the dump last 90 years instead of taking other people's garbage and have it last only 30 years.

Sincerely,
Rita Blaize-Watson
Bay St. Louis

Anything promised free usually is not really free

Dear Editor:

Good news for Hancock County and straight talk on solid waste (garbage).

Let the citizens of Hancock County determine what is straight talk and good news. Sign the petition for the referendum.

Anything "promised" free politically usually is not really free.

Would the host fee payments to Hancock County really be used for community improvements?

Landfills don't usually give tax relief. Who will pay for maintenance of highways, not just the final leg to the landfill.

A recent ad cited "an incredible non-residents." You know they are "non-resident" too!

At least many of the non-residents own land in the buffer zone and pay full county and school taxes on that land, the same land that they cannot even sign a petition to protect their land.

Get the facts about landfills before you make up your minds. Read about landfills in other communities — the regret they have to live with — as an example Pecan Grove in Harrison County.

Last, our ads are paid for by concerned citizens for Hancock County, and our hearts are with the land and the people. We are concerned of the consequences of a landfill in Hancock County.

Nathan Wickham Marble
Picaune

Alabama resident tells about toxic dump in her county

Dear Editor:

Last week I met with concerned citizens in your area who are in opposition to the giant garbage landfill proposal. For those who could not attend the meeting, I offer the information regarding the negative impact such a facility has had on my county.

I am writing to you from Sumter County, Ala. The nation's largest toxic waste dump is in our county. It is imperative that citizens who live near large disposal facilities reach out to other communities in a network of information and concern.

It is our understanding that you are facing a megadump proposal. Before you accept this, please make sure you understand the full impact such a site may have on your quality of life.

In 1977, a new "industry" sighted near Emelle. The owners were able to get a waste disposal permit without a public hearing. They sold the dump to Waste Management, Inc. in 1978.

Most people were not aware, nor were public hearings held concerning the landfill. Yet, many promises of prosperity were made to us. We were told that the toxic site would provide many jobs for our citizens.

We were told that industry would come to our county in order to take advantage of the lower transport cost of hauling wastes.

We were told that we had the perfect geology and that the site would not leak in 10,000 years.

We were told that the site would only accept materials such as glue and paint.

In 1978, our unemployment rate was 5.8 percent. This increased to 21.1 percent in 1986, because we lost seven industries and many small businesses. One of our two hospitals closed, and the other one is in serious financial trouble. Our population decreased dramatically.

Since 1986, other industries have left or chose to expand in nearby counties instead of Sumter. The only thing waste sites attract is more waste. We had the seventh highest unemployment rate of all Alabama counties in 1998. According to the Mississippi Employment Sec-

urity Commission Labor Market Data Report, Hancock County shows an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for December 1998.

We are concerned for our property values. The mayor of a town near the dump testified at a formal EPA hearing that in 1984 his home appraised at between \$50,000 to \$60,000. In 1986, the mayor had his home re-appraised in order to get a home improvement loan from a bank. This time his home was valued between \$15,000 to \$20,000.

When he inquired why, he was told it was because he lived too near the waste site. He lived five miles away. He was denied the bank loan.

Once an Operating Permit is granted, a waste disposal site usually expands. Although the original site here encompassed 340 acres, it has increased to over 3,000 acres. The company planned to build the largest toxic waste incinerator in burning capacity at the site, but local and statewide opposition was successful in stopping it.

It is easier to stop a proposed site than one that is in operation. The EPA called this one the "Cadillac" and "state-of-the-art." If this is the best one can expect, there is much cause for alarm.

A toxic waste dump and a municipal garbage dump is similar in many ways. According to the EPA, all dumps leak, even those with liners and leachate collection systems.

The leachate from garbage dumps is just as toxic as that generated at toxic waste dumps. Many times, the toxic leachate is disposed of in local sewage treatment plants.

Toxic and acute toxic waste and materials can be disposed of legally in municipal landfills by small quantity generators. A megadump receiving waste from many counties will be getting great amounts of toxic and medical wastes.

We have a responsibility to be stewards of the earth. Don't let a megadump cause problems for your community and affect your environment and quality of life.

Sincerely,
Kaye Kiker
York, Alabama

TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
COUNTIES

Q When must the 1998 fee journal for chancery and circuit clerks be closed?

A The 1998 fee journal must be closed by April 15, 1999, and any amount due to the county paid by that date.

All expenditures posted to the 1998 fee journal must be incurred by Dec. 31, 1998. (\$9-1-43)

Q May a county purchase a weapon for a justice court judge?

A No. (Attorney General's

opinion to Scipper dated Nov. 13, 1998)

Q Is there any statutory requirement that the circuit court clerk must collect fees for the Mississippi Crime Laboratory?

A No. However, it is common practice to include in the order of conviction a requirement that the defendant reimburse all costs of prosecution, etc., including crime lab fees.

In such cases, these amounts would be collectible by the circuit clerk, similar to an order of restitution. (Attorney General's opinion to Dunn dated Nov. 13, 1998)

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1999 to mark Washington's 200th anniversary of his death

To the Editor:

1999 is the bicentennial anniversary of the death of George Washington. His devotion and contributions to the establishment of this nation are a revered part of our history. Historic Mount Vernon has established "The George Washington Bicentennial Community Program" to celebrate his life, and on Dec. 14 to commemorate his death.

This is a nationwide outreach "From Sea to Shining Sea." Organizations, schools, cities, groups of all description can become George Washington Communities. By reintroducing "the General" to the American public, it is hoped we will be reminded of the heritage our forefathers fought to establish, and that we will seek to respectfully restore the ideals upon which this great nation was founded.

To quote James C. Reese, director of Historic Mount Vernon, "the greatest legacy of our first president was the remarkable character and leadership he demonstrated throughout his career... we hope hundreds of communities will use Washington's example as a guidepost for future generations."

We encourage the establishment of GWashington Communities across Mississippi. MSSDAR is a "GW Community," many of our chapters throughout the state are participating at their local levels.

Mt. Vernon has a toll-free number, 877-492-1999. Web site:

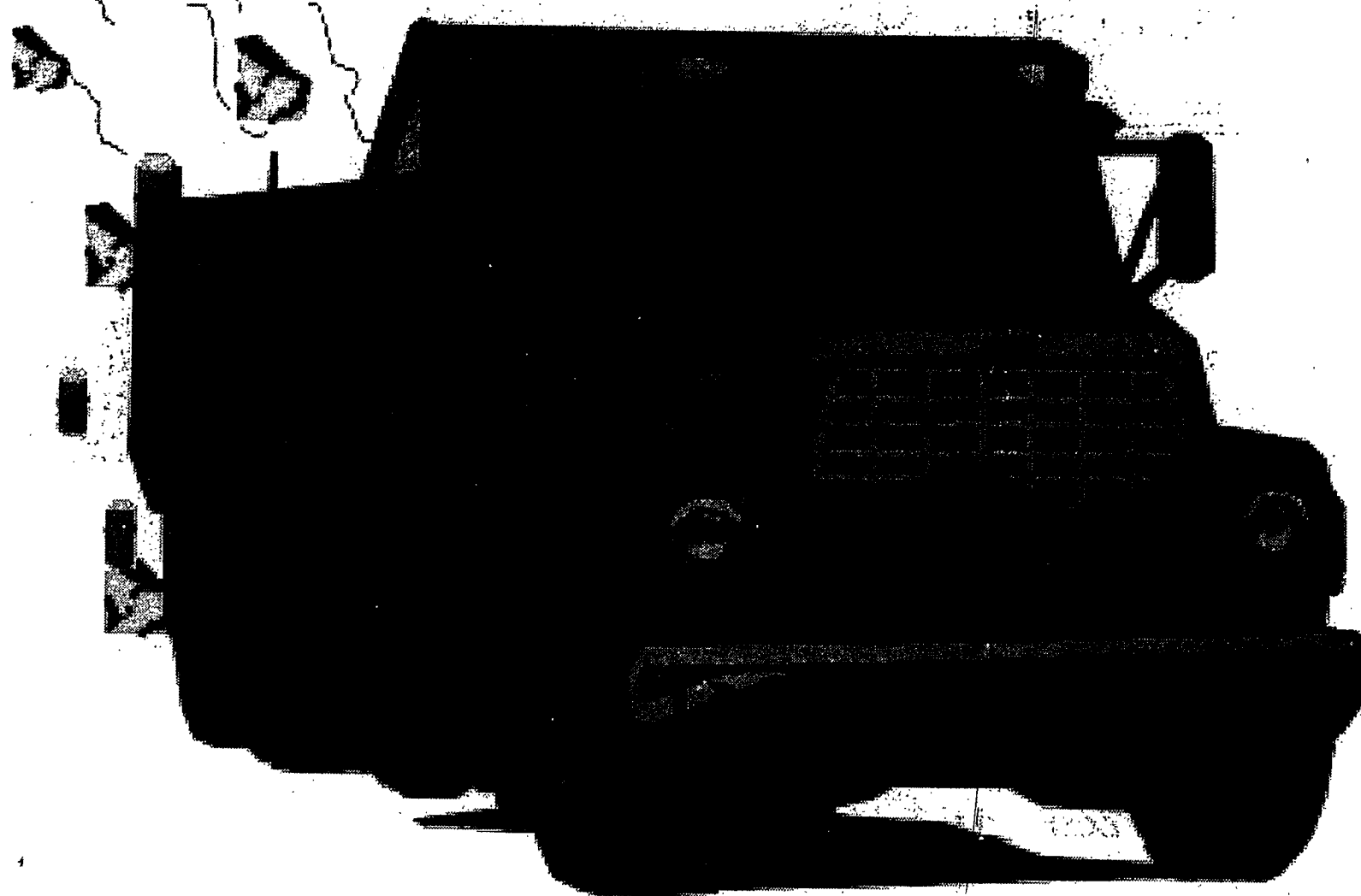
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PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special public hearing will be held for all residents of Hancock County on Wednesday March 10th, 7:00pm at the Hancock County Civic Center.

The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority could make a decision that would have trucks coming to Hancock County on a daily basis with thousands of tons of out of state waste.

If you do not want to see a 700 acre landfill located in the NASA Buffer Zone, then attend this meeting.

We must send a strong united message to the Waste Authority that we want them to **STOP THE DUMP.**

AND IT'S HEADED FOR THE NASA BUFFER ZONE

UNLESS YOU PLAN TO JOIN THE FIGHT, TRUCKS LIKE THIS WILL BE COMING TO HANCOCK COUNTY

To stop the dump, plan to attend a special public hearing at the Hancock County civic Center at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday. Tell the Hancock Solid Waste Authority that. . .YOU VOTE NO. . .to thousands of tons of out of state garbage and waste headed to Hancock County and the buffer zone. Please write or call the following members of the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority and voice your opposition.

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SPORTS

6A-THE SEA COAST ECHO-SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1999

Oak Grove Warriors stop Bay High Tiger rally short, 7-4

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Bay High Tigers and the Oak Grove Warriors locked horns in a Division 7 Class 4A battle on Friday night at the Tiger baseball field.

There was no doubt that the Tigers showed up ready to battle with traditionally powerful Warriors from Hattiesburg. The Warriors jumped out to a 1-0 lead on the Tigers in the top half of the first inning when Antion Gray hit a solo dinger to left-centerfield.

Brandon Dupuy started the Tigers' offensive push with a triple in the bottom of the first. Two batters later, Charlie Buckley hit a two-run rocket to centerfield to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead after one inning.

The Warriors tallied two more runs in the top of the second on two hits to take back the lead 3-2.

However, Jason Oliver started off the second inning for the Tigers with a single. Oliver scored when Ty Barrett singled to tie the score at 3-3.

The score remained tied until the top of the fifth inning when Oak Grove tacked on two more runs off of a two-run roundtripper by Gray. It was Gray's second homerun of the night.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Tigers left two runners stranded as they could not come up with any runs.

In the top of the sixth, Gray was once again a thorn in Bay High's side. With the bases

This Week's Prep Baseball/Softball Schedule March 7 - 13

Tuesday, March 9

Bay High v. Petal 7 p.m.
OLA at Resurrection 8:30 p.m.
Hancock at Columbia 6 p.m.
Hancock v. Harrison Central 4 p.m.
St. Stanislaus at Oak Grove 7 p.m.

Friday, March 12

Bay High v. Hancock 8 p.m.
Bay High at Biloxi 6 p.m.
Pass Christian v. Van Cleave 7 p.m.
St. Stanislaus v. Petal 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 13

Hancock at Perry Central 3 p.m.
Pass Christian at Pearl River Central 2 p.m.
St. Stanislaus at Biloxi 3 p.m.

Schedules are listed as reported to the Echo by the schools. Times may change without notice. Girls softball games are listed in italics. For information contact each high school athletic program.

loaded and two outs, Gray drove in two runs on a Bay High error which gave the Warriors some insurance.

However, Bay High refused to go down without swinging. The Tigers opened the bottom of the sixth with a double by Oliver and a single by Brandon Strong.

Then, Brandon Dupuy singled home Oliver for the Ti-

gers to make the score 7-4. Bay High hit into a double play to end the rally.

In the top of the seventh, the Tigers retired the Warrior side three-up three-down.

Buckley led off the Tiger seventh with a double off the centerfield wall.

Tyler Hysom reached base on a Warrior error and Brent Richardson walked to load the

bases for the Tigers.

But, two straight outs by the Tigers ended the comeback.

Brandon Dupuy took the loss for the Tigers as he struck seven batters and allowed only three hits. The starter, Gary Yarbrough, received a no decision in the game striking out seven batters and allowed just four hits.

Bay High head coach Cory Bowles stated, "I am very proud of the kids. They never gave up. Gary Yarbrough pitched a very good game for us tonight, as well as Brandon Dupuy."

"I thought we had some solid hitting performances from Charlie Buckley with his home-run and a double. Brandon Dupuy had a triple and an RBI single. Jason Oliver also recorded two hits for us tonight at the plate."

Antion Gray hurt us tonight with his performance at the plate for Oak Grove. We just made a couple of mistakes that gave them some unearned runs."

"We are playing better as a team and I am very pleased to see that. We just need to put together a complete game. We have Petal coming up on Tuesday in our next district game."

The loss drops the Tigers to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the division. The Tigers play Petal at home on Tuesday, March 9 at 5 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Boyet sweeps Jr Tiger Invitational

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The annual Bay Junior High Track and Field Invitational was held on Thursday, March 4. The meet featured boys and girls teams from Bay High, St. Stanislaus, Pass High, d'Iberville, St. John, OLA, and Boyet of Slidell.

Boyet swept both divisions for the championship. On the boys side, Boyet scored 131 points, followed by d'Iberville with 65, SSC 64, Bay 59, St. John 51, and Pass with 42 points.

In the girls division, Boyet tallied 103 points, followed by St. John with 84, Bay 70, OLA 49, Pass 17, and d'Iberville with 13 points.

Top area finishers for the girls discus were Amanda Sramek and Grace Allen of OLA in second and third place, respectively. Sramek threw the discus 48'2" and Allen 46'1".

In the high jump, Vanessa Johnson of OLA placed first with a jump of 4'6" followed by Shaupon Willis of Bay High in second place at 4'5".

At the long jump, Felicia Thomas placed second with a leap of

13'6 1/2".

In the 100m hurdles, Britni Haynes of Bay High placed second with a time 19.39, while Johnson of OLA placed third in 19.49.

Thomas of Bay High placed first in the 100m dash. The finish time was not available.

The 800m relay team from Bay High of Haynes, Thomas, Latessa Spencer, and Willis placed second.

Johnson of OLA placed second in the 1600m run with a time of 6:52.7.

The 400m relay team of Willis, Thomas, Spencer, and Courtney Rieux from Bay High placed second with a time 58.09. Bay High's Santana Wilkes won the 800m run with a time of 2:55.73.

Willis of Bay High placed second in the 200m dash with a time of 32.17.

In the boys bracket, the top area finishers in the discus were Michale Gross of Bay High with a throw of 75'2". Gross placed third.

Gabe Willis of SSC placed third in the high jump with a leap of 4'10".

Derek Fogarty of SSC took top honors in the pole vault with a height of 7'6".

In the 100m hurdles, Daniel Rygiel of Bay High placed third with a time of 18.81.

Monro Jordan of Bay High was a double winner for the Tigers as he took top honors in both the 100m and 200m dashes. He won the 100m dash with a time of 12.33 and the 200m dash in 26.24.

The 800m relay team of Rygiel, Jesse Burgess, Eddie Depitt, and Jordan of Bay High placed third with a time of 2:00.16.

Kyle Lewis of SSC was also a double winner. He took top honors in both the 1600m and 800m runs. Lewis' time in the 1600m run was 5:24.34 and 2:30.10 in the 800m run.

In the 400m dash, Burgess of Bay High placed second with a time of 1:11.27.

The 1600m relay team from SSC of Lewis, Darren Keel, Will Metayer, and Schaeffer Dane placed second.

The next meet for the teams will be at the Junior Rock Invitational at St. Stanislaus on Thursday, March 11.

Make bird houses accessible

Around Mississippi, many bird-watchers and homeowners are getting ready for the bird nesting season by putting up boxes in their yards. One key to continued use of these boxes may be accessibility, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

"Man-made nesting structures should be easily accessible so you can tell quickly if birds are occupying your boxes or if they are being used by unwanted creatures," Mississippi Outdoors magazine editor David Watts said.

"During the first part of the nesting season, monitor your boxes frequently to make sure desirable birds are not being denied use of your nesting boxes by house sparrows, starlings, snakes, or pesky insects," Watts explained. "Take care when you open a nest box. It may contain a squirrel, a snake, wasps, spiders or other animals."

Watch the nest box for about 20 minutes, Watts advises. If you don't see or hear birds inside, tap on the box. If you hear commotion inside, open the box just enough for a quick peek and then quickly close the lid.

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Diamondhead ITF tournament fields leading senior players

By William Robbins
Special to the Echo
Diamondhead's top-ranked national tennis tournament, newly elevated to a Category 1 by the International Tennis Federation, will field several of the country's leading seniors tournament players for the opening of play Monday in the week-long contest.

Two players rated Number 1 nationally for their divisions, and several others ranked in the top 10 of their class, will be top seeds as the Diamondhead Senior Women's National Clay Court Championship opens play in the newly refurbished facilities of the resort community's Tennis World.

"The star attraction will surely be Dodo Cheney, who will come all the way from California to play in the 80's division of our tournament," said Steve Garman, director of Tennis World. "Everyone who knows tennis knows about Dodo; I guess she's been Number 1 in her class for the last 30 years."

The top seed in the 70's division will also be a player ranked Number 1 nationally, Garman noted. She is Olga Mahaney of San Diego, who will be followed by second seed Elaine Mason of Baton Rouge, who is the country's third ranked 70's contestant.

Highly rated contestants also are the top seeds for the tournament's 60's division, first seed Mary Lenoir Blair of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., and second seed C. O. Shepherd of Amherst, Mass., both of them among the country's top 10 in the 60's competition.

"The tournament will also mark the grand opening of our newly enclosed and air-



Top Coast player

Betty Miller, left, a top Mississippi Coast player, and three of the volunteers who have turned out to help make Diamondhead's Senior Women's National Clay Court Championship a success. The others are, from left, Toby Porter, Patty Hourin, who is chairman of the Diamondhead Tennis Committee, Liz Maio and Gail Hunt, committee member.

conditioned players' lounge," Garman said. "The players will find this a first-class place to relax after play in a first-class facility."

From the glass-enclosed lounge they will be able to enjoy refreshments while watching play on six of our 10 clay courts."

Besides some of the country's top players, the tournament has attracted more than 40 volunteers to help make the event a

success. Leading those volunteers is one of the top players from the Mississippi Coast, Betty Miller, who will serve as an umpire as well as competing.

The tournament, ranked Category 1 by the ITF for the first time since its move to Diamondhead from Baton Rouge three years ago will also, for the first time, offer prize money to top finishers.

It was previously ranked

Category 3. Unlike hurricanes, but like Grade 1 in horse racing, Category 1 is the top classification for tennis tournaments. The categories of tournaments they play is determined by points awarded to top finishers, and those points, in turn, enter into their national and international rankings.

Admission will be free, and Tennis World will welcome all visitors, according to Patty Hourin, chairman of Diamondhead's tennis committee.

Senior Women's Clay Court Championships attract women from 24 states

By Liz Wagner Maio
Special to the Echo

This year the USTA Senior Women's Clay Court Championships will bring to Diamondhead Tennis World 80 women from 24 states to challenge each other in both singles and doubles in three age divisions, 60, 70 and 80.

Some 17 women have traveled from Florida, seven from California, five from New York, five from Texas and four from Alabama. The other 19 states had three or fewer women representing them.

In the 60's division the women have traveled to the Gulf Coast from 14 states; from Alabama, Emily Baker, Claire Magruder, Layne Rencher and Maria Sayers; from Arizona, Pat Jackson and Angele Ray; from Florida, Kay Bufkin, Libby Keenan, Laura Kunnen, Hildegard Langer, Joan Nevins, Karen Popp, and Nancy Reed.

From Massachusetts, Theo Shepherd; from Minnesota, Bonnie Wall; from Missouri, Beverly Little and Pat Wiedenmann; from North Carolina, Billie Wixider; from New Hampshire, Cynthia Hunter; from New Jersey, Christina Gloger; from New York, Mary Lenore Blair, Julia Denny, Linda Friedlander and Burnette Herrick.

From South Carolina, Sally McKinney and Anne Sweeney; from Tennessee, Caroline Haynes and M. P. Winningham; from Texas, Kathy Langer and Tanomari Westphall; from Wisconsin, Belmar Gunderson and Cathy Kestle.

In the 70's Division, women have traveled from 15 states; from California, Olga Mahaney, Patricia Piossett and Fran Wakefield; from Florida, Carol Jaffe, Doris Lutz, Felice Rolfe, Jo Ella Roebuck, Marilyn Skeffington and Nancy Stout; from Georgia, Beth Bird, Midge Peer and Irene Shepard.

From Hawaii, Doris Hakman; from Indiana, Louise Owen; from Louisiana, Elaine Mason and Olga Maynard; from Maryland, Nancy Hambleton; from Missouri, Beverly Little and Pat Wiedenmann.

From New Jersey, Joan Perryman and Kay Wakely; from Pennsylvania, Lorry Wroblewski; from Tennessee, Martha Parker; from Texas, Carol Cofer and June Dickey; from West Virginia, Joan Brislin.

In the 80's Division the women have traveled from nine states. From Arizona, Maxine King; from California, Do Do Cheney, Jean Harris, Olga Mahaney, Patricia Yeomans; from Florida, Irma Krizack, Inge Lutz, Thelma Merker, Jean Selvig; from Louisiana, Majorie Savola; from Maryland, Joan Heineck and Betty Mildner.



Champions

Pat Yeoman and Do Do Cheney, Women's Singles 80's Division, surround Taylor Hopkins, court monitor, after last year's semifinals. Cheney has won over 300 national championships, a record that will probably never be broken.

From North Dakota, Valentine Popel; from New Jersey, Patricia Stuhler; from New York, Jeanne Gengler, from Texas, Lou Cille Scoggins.

Matches in the 60's and 70's divisions begin Monday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. Matches in the 80's division begin Wednesday, March 10.

Committees welcome women's clay court champions

By Liz Wagner Maio
Special to the Echo
The United States Tennis Association Senior Women's Clay Court Championships will be held at Diamondhead Tennis World for the third year.

Play begins Monday, March 8 for women in the 60- and 70-year-old divisions. Play for the women 80 years and older begins Wednesday, March 10.

Play begins at 9:30 a.m. each day from Monday, March 8 through the finals on Saturday, March 13.

"Many committees have worked very hard to help me get ready for the Senior Women's Clay Court Championships," said Steve Garman, tennis director at Tennis World and tournament referee. "We're ready to welcome 80 senior wo-

men tennis players from all over the United States."

Members of the Tournament Committee, including Garman, are Al Cronvich, president of the Diamondhead Property Owners' Association; Patty Hourin, tournament chairperson; Hugh Burney, Marie Clark, Lou Hall, Gail Hunt, Bill Robbins and Bruce Pennington of Diamondhead; Betty Miller of Pass Christian; Liz Maio of Bay St. Louis; and Beth Carrier, executive director of Hancock County Tourism.

Volunteers on the registration desk are Jinkie Underwood, Patty Hourin, Linda Williams, Bonnie Salsbury, Marie and Will Clark, Toby Porter, John and Judy Mayer, Merle Norfolk, Sue Stewart, Sandy Kolodziej, all of Diamondhead,

and Liz Maio of Bay St. Louis.

Volunteers on the check-in desk are Pat Shaw, Jane Williams, Linda Jones, Myrna Burney, Reba Reed, Emy Seaman, Joan Inman, Suzanne Frank, Martha Gooding, Eva Derka, Marie Clark, Will Clark, Christine Langevin, Jinkie Underwood, Louis Fourment, Bonnie Salsbury, Linda Williams, Merle Norfolk, Nora Hillier, John and Judy Mayer, all of Diamondhead;

Shirley Hopes from Baton Rouge, Marion Bowman from Waveland; Jackie Aldrich, Mary Bayne and Kay Holtz, all from Ocean Springs; Betty Bourkart from Vancleave, Judy Carnes of Bixby; Cheryl Harris and Susan Toller of Jackson, and Liz Maio of Bay St. Louis.

St. Patrick's race slated

The Hibernia Marching Society and the Gulf Coast Running Club (GCRC) will host the 10th annual St. Patrick's Day parade 5K and 1-mile run Saturday, March 13 at Biloxi's City Hall, Lameuse Street off Hwy. 90 at 10 a.m. for 5K and 10:34 a.m. for the one-mile run/walk. Late registration is 9-9:55 a.m.

Entrance fee is \$10 on race day, less if pre-registered, and \$7 for all children 12 and under in the 1-mile fun run.

Fee includes a t-shirt to all registered participants.

For information, call Leonard at (228) 875-6855 or Joyce at (228) 875-7720.

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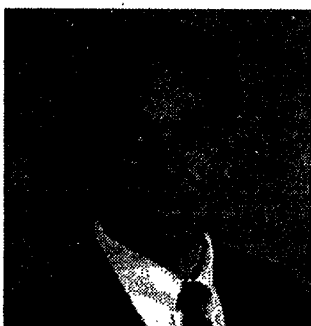
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Landfill—'Win-win' deal

service area is limited to household waste that is generated within a radius of 150 miles, and Mississippi Waste would be subject to high-volume payments to the Authority that go up to \$12 a ton. "making it economically unfeasible to take large amounts of (out of state) garbage." She also pointed out that a landfill was currently being built in Jefferson Parish, and it is expected to attract garbage from New Orleans.

Although the draft agreement does not prohibit transfer stations from being established in the 150-mile service area, Teri Wily of Eaton & Cottrell, the law firm that was retained to help draft the agreement, said "sheer economics" would discourage longer hauling from other states. "They (the waste disposal companies) wouldn't bypass other landfills to come here. It just wouldn't be economically feasible," she later told the Echo. "The transportation costs would be astronomical."

Wily pointed out that almost every county, with the exception of Hancock County, has a 20-year Solid Waste Plan, which dictates that they have a landfill in their county or access to one nearby. The same holds true in other states, Wily said. "Why would someone bypass a landfill in Mobile or elsewhere, and come to Hancock County? It just doesn't make sense," she said.

Donald, with GeoEngineering, said more than 100 soil borings were taken at eight to 10 tracts under consideration, then more tests were made at two sites before choosing the tract off Texas Flat Road. He

said the land ranges from 30 to 65 feet above sea level. He said the actual landfill would eventually only take up one-third of the total tract, and it comprises one-half of one percent of the 125,000-plus acres that make up the vast buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Donald said engineers performed "a very thorough study of the wetlands, and the facility design plans avoids most wetland areas. He said the tract is also not subject to flooding. What about leakage from the landfill, and runoff that could affect area streams and the groundwater, someone asked:

Donald said much of the fear about landfills is based on looser regulations in the past, which caused problems at Pecan Grove in Harrison County and at Mallard in Pearl River County.

"These were landfills that were built before more stringent standards were adopted by the federal and state governments," said Donald. These landfills were later upgraded and permitted as Sub-Title D landfills, but it isn't the new portions that's causing the problems. It's how the older landfills were built.

"It used to be, we dug a hole and started dumping," said Donald. "That's not the case today."

Donald said Mississippi Waste plans to build a "state-of-the-art modern facility, meeting very stringent requirements" set forth by DEQ and EPA. He said the Jourdan river and smaller creeks "will not be affected" because the landfill will be designed to prevent any water flow into any streams

from the face of the landfill." Asked why can't Hancock County build a landfill just for its own use, Losee said, "It's just not feasible."

She gave as an example the Pine Belt Regional Landfill outside of Hattiesburg, which two counties use. "Since opening, rates for collection and disposal have risen 28 percent, from \$29.54 a ton to \$37.84," Losee said.

She said rates had to be increased because the Pine Belt facility fell far short of its annual tonnage goals.

Losee said the Authority's engineer has determined it would cost \$82 a ton if the county built and operated its own landfill just for Hancock County. "This would more than triple your waste disposal bill," she said.

Another person asked about access routes to the Hancock County landfill.

"There will be no entrance from the north on Hwy. 43 to Texas Flat Road," Losee said. The proposed landfill is accessible from Interstates 10 and 59. From the West, access would be Highway 607 to Texas Flat Road and Flattop Road.

"But, Texas Flat Road is a dirt road once you pass McLeod Park," another person commented. Losee said Mississippi Waste has had some conversation with an aide to Sen. Trent Lott "and improvements to that road are still in the plans."

Access to the landfill from the East will be via Hwy. 43 to Texas Flat Road and Flattop Roads, and from the south, through state Hwy. 607, then to Texas Flat. Losee said NASA can't stop trucks from using the state highway because of Inter-

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state Commerce regulations, but Mississippi Waste plans to patrol the designated transportation routes leading to the facility to control any litter problems.

And, what about the truck traffic that will be generated?

Losee said the current traffic county on Hwy. 43 averages 9,000 vehicles a day, and, "truck traffic to the facility is estimated to average only two to four trucks per hour on each access route. That would be an addition of 48 trucks a day, and represents an increase in traffic of one half of one percent," she said. Losee said the landfill would not operate on Sundays or late into the night on weekdays.

Asked about the possibility of Mississippi Waste selling out to a larger waste management conglomerate as they did in Tunica County:

Losee said, "The contract stays with the land. That means, any new owners would still have to guarantee to Hancock County the same things we have guaranteed."

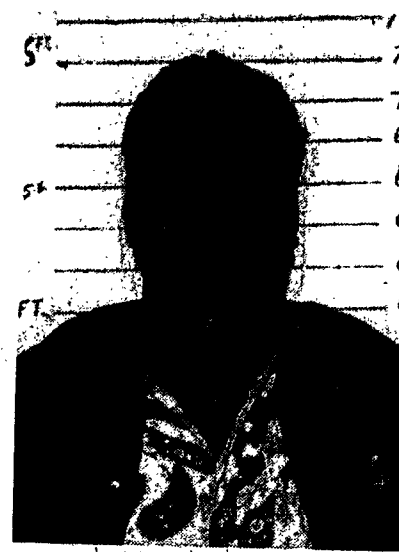
She assured the audience that Mississippi Waste did not plan to sell its Hancock County facility once it's constructed and operating.

She said Mississippi Waste was forced to sell in Tunica because "the big boys, Waste Management dried up the waste stream. We have no intentions of selling here. We're in this for the long run."

"We're a family-owned corporation. We're investing in Mississippi. We care for Mississippi," Losee concluded.

Bust—Largest on coast

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Alvaro Tellez Ochoa

routine traffic violation.

Corr said the officers obtain consent from the driver to search the vehicle and saw packages stowed in the dashboard of the car.

Corr said Bay St. Louis Police Sgt. Paul Cox and his partner, K9-Zorro, arrived and assisted further in a search that seized

27 packages of methamphetamine (meth) that weighed approximately 35.5 pounds. "The meth had a street value of approximately \$1.3 million," Corr said.

Officers arrested Alvaro Tellez Ochoa, 34, of Matamoros, Mexico and charged him with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Ochoa was taken to the Hancock County Detention Center and placed under a \$250,000 bond. Agent Micheal Hearty is in charge of the investigation.

Additionally, Corr said, the officers seized approximately \$1,000 in cash which will be used in facilitation of further drug investigations.

"Lt. Broder and Sgt. Long both do an exceptional job out there for us," Corr said. "They have great investigational techniques and have been responsible for taking a tremendous amount of drugs off the street in this community, as well as others throughout the nation."

Bay—Requests denied

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Carleen Moran, who represents the district at issue, said granting permission for the large sign would set a precedent that council would not want to follow in the future.

Council member James Rutherford failed to get a second for his motion to approve the variance. Council then rejected the request in a four-one vote.

That was the same scenario exactly for the next zoning request council considered. Warren and Vicky Stovall were unsuccessful in seeking to subdivide property at 107 Ballentine St., with a 15-foot front yard setback variance.

Vicky Stovall said as a retired real estate agent, she had followed every rule she knew of to get their request through city government channels smoothly and successfully. But, she complained that the Planning and Zoning Commission has scarcely spent five minutes on the application, before rejecting it.

The Stovalls have restored one house on the property and want to subdivide the lot so they can build a personal residence on the other lot. They said they had lived in Slidell but decided to move to Bay St. Louis permanently rather than continue as weekend residents.

Finding nothing but support in their neighborhood for their plans, the Stovalls were stunned at the commission's action, and obviously angered at council's. They offered to rearrange their building plans to make city officials happy, but got nowhere with that suggestion. "We feel like we're not

welcome here," Mrs. Stovall said.

Council member Tad Black, who represents the area at issue, said he objects to the proposal because it creates two non-conforming lots out of one non-conforming lot. And, he noted that one of the lots at issue is zoned R-4, a restricted classification for beach area property.

Still another Ballentine Street proposal won council's favor, however. Council agreed to allow a setback variance to accommodate construction of a deck with a roof at 126 Ballentine St.

Officials noted the house is a corner structure at Hancock Street, and said the new construction would be in line with the existing structure.

In an unrelated Ballentine Street matter, council agreed to pay the \$3,900 bill for demolition of a dilapidated home at 217 Ballentine, and to have the property sold to collect the city's costs. The house has been in ill repair for years, and city attempts to have it improved were futile, officials said.

An application to allow a residence at 113 South Beach Blvd. was set aside. The owners say the structure is occupied by Amelia's Restaurant, two doctors and some counselors, but there's room to add a small efficiency apartment on the waterfront ground level.

City officials said an agreement to provide off-street parking for the structure has not been fulfilled, however, and should be considered further before the zoning variance is allowed.

Emergency

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and makes a non-regulated water treatment polymer that treats drinking water, waste water and industrial water. West Hancock County Fire Chief Sam Bailey is to meet

with fire officials in Slidell to discuss emergency response Mutual Aid between the rural fire department and St. Tammany Parish.

Lynette Carbon, Hancock Bay-Waveland Civil Defense director, emceed the quarterly meeting.

Hancock's LEPC group meets quarterly at the CD headquarters, and on special occasions the meeting is hosted by various committee members at their industry, or business.

The Hancock County CEPC consists of some 40 members which include fire departments, elected officials, law enforcement agencies, medical services, health and human services agencies, utilities, transportation, broadcast and newspaper media, environmental organizations, industry, businesses, gas and water systems.

Carbon is the group's chairman. Fire Marshal Richard Pate is co-chairman, and Carlene Favre is coordinator.

Carbon said if any resident has any questions about the LEPC, to please contact her at the CD Headquarters, 467-9226.

Waveland—Parks to be improved

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In addition to the money, the county will provide up to six loads of dirt to be used at the Elwood Bourgeois Ballpark.

In a separate effort to improve the city's playgrounds, Waveland resident Nancy Artigues has requested authorization to begin an effort to raise private donations in order to refurbish the park on Coleman Avenue. She addressed the board at Monday's workshop meeting explaining her plan to solicit private contributors.

Longo said avenues for grant funding had been explored, but there is a scarcity of grant funds available for playground improvements. He reported the city had received \$1,500 in grant money which could be used for park refurbishment.

The board authorized Artigues to begin soliciting the funds which will be deposited in and allocated through the city's recreation fund.

Hancock County Director of Civil Defense Lynette Carbon was at Tuesday's meeting to reiterate her request for contributions from the city toward matching funds needed to create a special needs shelter. The shelter would be located at the Senior Citizens Center in Bay St. Louis.

In early January Carbon made the first request for \$2,952 as the city's portion of matching funds needed to obtain a grant totaling \$35,424. The other portion of the matching funds has been requested from the county and from the City of Bay St. Louis.

Carbon said when the grant

was applied for, the 25 percent local match was with the City of Bay St. Louis. She said since that time, however, the county and the City of Waveland have "also" been asked to contribute.

Longo told Carbon that while he agreed with the need of a special needs shelter, the matching funds were not something the city had budgeted. Carbon was asked to return for the third time to the city's next workshop meeting.

In other matters, the board discussed several city ordinances with changes made to two of them.

A section will be added to Ordinance #275 (establishing definitions, policies, rates and charges for the Water, Gas and Sewer Systems of the City of Waveland) setting the

Lawsuit—Family files

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"Hard Copy," and a story on the incident is scheduled to be aired locally at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Sablich's patrol car ran a stop sign and slammed into Lacoste's truck going about 78 miles per hour, and his vehicle had no sirens blasting or bright lights flashing, according to police records. The deputy had graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in May and had been on patrol only two weeks when the accident occurred. The record also quoted Sablich telling investigators at the scene that he was

so unfamiliar with the area he was patrolling; he had a county map on the front seat of his police car.

Sablich, 28, was cleared of any wrongdoing by a Harrison County Grand Jury empaneled last April and continues to work for the Sheriff's Department. He is now assigned to the University of Southern Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy in Long Beach.

The civil suits were filed by Lacoste's wife, Kimberly, on behalf of herself and the couple's 22-month-old son, and Steven Lacoste and his wife, Catherine.

Each asks for punitive and compensatory damages and payment for legal fees.

The suits accuse Sablich of showing reckless disregard for the public's safety. Sheriff Joe Price is accused of being negligent in his duties for failing to properly train his deputy.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors was also made a party to the suit because plaintiffs allege supervisors are ultimately liable, because Price and Sablich are county employees.

State's teen abstinence video 'on cutting edge of social change'

Texas Governor George W. Bush praised Mississippi as being on the cutting edge of social change after the unveiling and release of the *Heat of the Moment*, a documentary promotion teen abstinence and discussing the perils of premarital sex.

His letter saluting the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and the program, which was conceived and produced by GodwinGroup, joins endorsements coming from various state departments, health care officials and medical associations all commending Mississippi's innovative approach to curb teen pregnancy.

"We have been totally overwhelmed by the support and praise coming in from all over

the country. We realize that teen pregnancy is not an issue unique to Mississippi and that is why we made available copies of the video to other states who are executing similar teen abstinence programs," said Donald R. Taylor, executive director, MDHS.

The 16-minute documentary features in their own words the true stories of Mississippi teens who became pregnant, fathered a child, or contracted a sexually transmitted disease.

For more information about the Mississippi MDHS "Just Wait" abstinence campaign or on the documentary, *Heat of the Moment*, call Rebecca Doyle at (601) 359-4437 or 1-800-590-0818.

Career Fair

More than 1,000 Pearl River Community College students took part in the college's annual Career Fair. The event matched soon-to-be graduates with possible employers on the PRCC campus. Dean Pearson of the Gulfport Memorial Hospital is shown taking with PRCC nursing students, from left, Lisa Yarborough of Bay St. Louis, Karen Adams of Poplarville and Karen Keller of Piquette about possible jobs.



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BUSINESS NEWS

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Should you pile into an index fund?

Stock picking used to be an individual affair. Investors picked their stocks one at a time and monitored the progress of each. Then came stock mutual funds, and investors were able to rely on the pros to choose a group of stocks and stand watch over their performance.

Most recently, millions of Americans have invested in stock index mutual funds. These "index funds" hold shares in all of the companies that make up a popular stock market index, for example, the Standard & Poor's 500 index. The fund's performance is tied to how the index performs.

Index funds are known as "passively managed" funds because they simply track the daily price movements of the index stocks and adjust holdings accordingly. They are the autopilot brethren of "actively managed" funds (also known as "managed funds"), which employ top-flight managers to analyze market outlooks and industry trends, then trade accordingly. Individual investors have



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plowed millions of dollars into S&P 500 index funds over the past few years, mostly through their 401(k) programs. What's the attraction? It's the results: The S&P 500 index beat most actively managed mutual funds over the past 10 years.

Some of the success of index funds can be attributed to expenses - or lack thereof. Managed funds have higher costs because fund managers actively buy and sell stocks, and are compensated for their decision making. These annual expenses are figured into results. Index funds, on the other hand, spend less.

Lower expenses mean more money for the shareholders. So, shouldn't we all sink our savings into an index fund? The answer is no, for a few reasons.

Some investors believe index funds are a safer option because, while they do no better than the market average, they also guarantee that they will do no worse. This sounds like they present less risk, but what happens when the stock market goes down? An index fund falls with the market, perhaps even more so.

While long-term investors should ride out market falls, index funds violate the rule of

investing designed to minimize risk in a downturn: diversify, diversify, diversify. The S&P 500 index is perceived by many as "the market," but it is actually much less diversified than you think. It accounts for 68 percent of the overall U.S. market capitalization, but it contains less than 5 percent of the actual number of stocks listed on the various U.S. stock exchanges.

In other words, rather than being diversified, your savings are tied to the fortunes of a handful of huge companies. Managed funds, on the other hand, own a broad range of companies.

Indexing also supposes that a certain segment of the market, such as large-cap companies, will lead the parade. But what happens if U.S. small-company shares or foreign stocks outshine the blue chips over the next decade? Market cycles make diversification important.

Although index funds have their positive points, there are good reasons to avoid passive investing. When markets are unsettled, as they are today, mutual fund investors might do better to look for broad diversification, courtesy of actively managed funds.

BellSouth campaign to combat growing phone fraud problem

Bell South announced that it is launching an ongoing, multi-faceted consumer education campaign called BellSouth Neighborhood WatchSM to help combat the growing problem of telephone fraud.

According to the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC), slamming, cramming and other types of fraudulent practices cost Americans more than \$40 billion in 1998.

The FBI estimates that more than 14,000 illegal telemarketing operations are at work each year across the country.

The campaign, which features a dedicated web site (www.bellsouth.com/neighborhood_watch) and an educational brochure (1-800-230-1183 to order), is aimed at providing information and suggestions on how to prevent consumer mistakes, confusion and fraud in an increasingly competitive telecommunications marketplace.

"Consumers have so many choices today, and that's good news," said Sue McLaughlin, president, Bell South Consumer Services. "But they have to make those choices carefully in order to protect themselves. BellSouth wants consumers to know that we are their 'protection partner' against telephone fraud. And as dependable, experienced providers of telephone service, we want to help them be aware of and recognize unscrupulous practices, and fight back whenever possible."

McLaughlin said that throughout 1999, the campaign would be expanded to include

information on internet fraud as well as fraud affecting other customers.

BellSouth will also sponsor a wide-ranging Public Service Announcement campaign, and utilize employees to be spokespeople throughout the nine-state region the company serves.

The program also will produce materials that can be used with civic groups, local school PTA's, non-profit organizations and other service groups to build awareness and understanding of the problem.

Bell South's effort will initially emphasize the top two scams documented by the NFIC: cramming and slamming. In 1998, cramming (billing consumers for telephone services they never ordered) and slamming (getting consumers to unwittingly authorize change of phone service, primarily for long distance) were reported three times as often as phony prize offers, which had perennially ranked number one, the NFIC said.

"Consumers are barraged by telephone, mail and advertising solicitations for telecommunications products and services," Susan Grant, vice president for public policy, National Consumers League said recently in testimony before the U.S. Senate. "They need more objective information about their choices and education about their rights."

BellSouth Neighborhood Watch provides an overview of slamming, cramming and other types of telephone fraud, what to watch out for, and tips to avoid being victimized.

McLaughlin says one of the best methods for preventing telephone fraud is to be more aware and have a healthy dose of skepticism.

"Consumers should thoroughly read the fine print on all promotional materials, especially contests and sweepstakes because things aren't what they seem," she said.

"They should also make it a habit to carefully examine their phone bill each month. Questions about any suspicious charges should be directed to the phone number listed on the bill page on which the charge appears."

"As part of our customer care commitment, BellSouth's service representatives are also prepared to assist customers whenever they have a question or feel they may have been victimized," McLaughlin continued. "The long-term goal of Neighborhood Watch is for BellSouth to be a front line resource to help protect people in the communities we serve."

In addition to educating consumers, BellSouth continues to strive to ensure reasonable safeguards are in place to prevent customers from being victimized by unscrupulous providers.

BellSouth has tightened its billing guidelines and is requiring changes to its existing billing and collections contracts with third-party service providers as they are renegotiated in order to help prevent slamming and cramming.

BellSouth is a \$22 billion telecommunications services company. It provides telecommunications, cable and digital TV, directory advertising and publishing, and Internet and data services to nearly 33 million customers in 19 countries worldwide.

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MDECO assists minority businesses

With money in the bank, Ethel Shaw of Gulfport thought getting a business start-up loan would be a relatively simple process.

Nine months later, however, she was still trying to obtain a loan from the bank she had been doing business with for 25 years. Shaw's break came when she discovered the Minority Business Revolving Loan Program, a program administered by the financing arm of the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development (MDECD).

Within two weeks, she was signing the loan papers that allowed her to open her business,

the Fashion Touch Boutique and Beauty and Nail Salon in Gulfport, in May 1997.

Shaw's loan through the Minority Business Revolving Loan Program was administered on the local level by the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District.

She was guided into the loan program by MDECD's Minority Business Enterprise Division, which she has relied on from the start to help her draw up a business plan, apply for the loan and market her boutique.

"The Minority Division played a great part in telling me what direction to go — not only to get my loan, but to plan for the future," said Shaw. "They

gave me a lot of confidence."

Shaw worked for Gayfers for nearly 30 years and felt she had the retail experience to run her own store. She had saved nearly half of the money she needed to start the business, and her daughter, Deborah Hardy, had agreed to help her run it.

After MDECD helped Shaw draw up a working business plan and secure the loan, she was able to build the store she had designed herself and open for business.

Shaw started out selling women's clothing, but has since expanded to men's clothing and suits. Her daughter runs the adjoining beauty salon and

helps her manage the store's four employees. "This past November and December, they nearly doubled their sales over the 1997 holiday season."

Although her business is established, Shaw still calls on MDECD or help with problems such as controlling inventory and keeping the traffic flowing through the store.

"We're providing ongoing technical assistance," said MDECD Director Walter Scott. "We give her advice on promoting her business, such as passing out flyers, exhibiting at trade shows and putting on sales. We place a lot of emphasis on marketing her boutique."

MDECD helps minorities locate and secure loans through entities such as Mississippi's Planning and Development Districts.

For information on loan programs available to minority- and women-owned businesses in Mississippi, or other MDECD services, call MDECD at 601-354-7617.

GE Plastics to hold public emergency response meetings

In an effort to enhance emergency response plans and better protect the public, officials from the GE Plastics plant at the Port Bienville Industrial Park will share information with emergency service providers, the public and public officials concerning the safe handling and usage of chemicals at the site.

The information will be presented during two meetings on Wednesday, March 10 — one at 10 a.m. at the Waveland Holiday Inn and one at 5 p.m. at the Port Bienville Industrial Park Training Center, Pearllington.

This public disclosure comes as the Bay St. Louis GE Plastics site prepares to submit similar

information to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the agency's Risk Management Program (RMP) requirements.

The RMP rule is intended to encourage companies that manufacture, use or store certain regulated chemicals to discuss prevention and emergency response programs with emergency officials and the public.

The main objectives of the RMP program are to:

- enhance relationships between industries and local communities
- encourage industries to improve safety programs
- coordinate emergency planning with local emergency re-

sponders, and

- inform the public about proper safety measures in the event of an incident

The EPA estimates that more than 66,000 facilities nationwide — both inside and outside the chemical industry — will have to comply with the new reporting regulations.

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Grand Casino Gulfport hosts MDA lock-up event

Many business and civic leaders throughout the city of Gulfport will be missing for several hours Thursday, March 11. These notable "most wanted" citizens will be serving time for MDA.

They will be arrested and taken to the Grand Casino Gulfport 9 a.m.-3 p.m. While there, the participants will have their picture taken, given an arrest warrant and incentive prize for them to keep and served refreshments.

Each jailbird will be given approximately one hour to phone friends, family and business associates to raise bail if they have not raised it beforehand. The jailbird will be released after an hour, even if bail is not fully posted.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to the cure and treatment of 40 neuromuscular diseases.

For information about the lockup, call the MDA district office at 1-800-972-4815.

Credit union meeting

James L. "Sandy" Rogers, president and CEO of the Gulfport VA Federal Credit Union, announced the federally-chartered credit union's annual meeting will be Tuesday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gulfport High School Auditorium.

Annual reports from the \$37 million credit union's 1998 operating year will be provided, including reports from the chairman of the board, president and CEO and supervisory committee. Drawings for cash door prizes and mementos for each member in attendance will also be available.

In making the announce-

ment, Rogers stated that significant growth in all areas of member service will be reported at the meeting and elections will be held for two positions on the seven-member board of directors that govern the credit union.

Noting that the foundation of the member-owned, non-profit financial cooperative is based on members electing their own representation in a system that is modeled after our own democratic form of government, Rogers urged the almost 13,900 current members to make every effort to attend this important annual meeting.

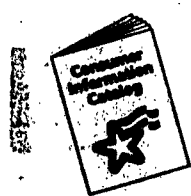
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Straight Talk on Solid Waste & Good News for the Citizens of Hancock County.

Hancock County must have a long-term, safe and economical means of disposing of its waste and rubbish. The landfill proposal that the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority has negotiated is of great economic benefit to the people of Hancock County:

***FREE Household Waste & Rubbish Disposal for the next 30 years.**

***Host payments to Hancock County will generate up to \$2,090,000.00 each year which could be used for community improvements and tax relief.**

Despite the real need and tremendous benefit, some Hancock County residents (and incredibly non-residents) are trying to stop this professional solid waste management facility by spreading untruths and manipulating your emotions. Listening to these untruths may cause you to pay more than three times your current cost for waste disposal. So, before you sign a petition against the proposed Landfill...

Get the Real Facts

The proposed solid waste landfill will be a state-of-the-art, premier facility located in the NASA buffer zone over 3.5 miles from the nearest house.

Will the landfill be safe?

In 1993, "Subtitle D" regulations radically changed the way landfills are designed, constructed and operated. This state-of-the-art landfill will meet or exceed all Subtitle D requirements. It will be one of the safest and most modern facilities of its kind, meeting very stringent regulations and operating requirements as set forth by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

Will the landfill accept hazardous waste or medical waste?

The proposed facility will NOT accept hazardous waste or medical waste. All incoming waste will be carefully screened and monitored. Any unauthorized material will be rejected.

What about the protection of Hancock County's water resources?

The protection effort starts with choosing a site that is appropriate, based on geology and soil composition. After months of analyzing sites in the buffer zone, the proposed site was chosen only after professional engineers were convinced that it will satisfy federal and state criteria. Over 100 soil borings were conducted to prove its superior suitability. Then the construction of the landfill further ensures that water resources are completely protected. The sophisticated liner system ensures that all water entering the landfill cell is collected and properly treated. Finally, a network of monitoring wells surrounding the landfill will undergo constant, rigorous testing. Test results are then sent to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for independent review.

What about protection of the Jourdan River?

Located over 8 miles from the facility, the Jourdan River will NOT be affected by the Landfill. All water that comes in contact with waste is collected and transported to an off-premise treatment facility. The site will be designed to accommodate stormwater under a highly regulated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, the basic regulatory instrument of the Clean Water Act.

What will prevent the landfill from being over-run with out-of-state waste?

The Waste Authority has established a 150-mile service area and has imposed extraordinarily high per ton payments to Hancock County that go up to \$12 per ton making it economically unfeasible to take large amounts of out-of-state waste. Further, a new landfill is currently being constructed in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that will serve the New Orleans market.

Why can't Hancock County build a landfill just for Hancock County Waste?

It costs many millions of dollars to build and operate modern landfill facilities. The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority's engineer determined that it would cost \$82 a ton if the County built and operated its own landfill just for Hancock County Waste. This would more than triple your waste disposal bill.

How can we be assured that the landfill will maintain capacity for Hancock County's waste for the next 30 years?

The Waste Authority has imposed a daily average "cap" on the amount of waste that can be disposed of at the landfill. Also, each year the landfill operator must have a professional engineer certify that the landfill has maintained adequate capacity for Hancock County's waste for the next 30 years.

Is the landfill compatible with the NASA buffer zone?

In a press release dated January 15, 1999, NASA stated that the proposed facility is compatible with the NASA buffer zone: "...There have been landfills and/or rubbish disposal sites on privately owned lands in the buffer zone throughout its history, and NASA does not regard them as incompatible with the buffer zone easement..." In fact, NASA is currently operating its own solid waste landfill within the NASA buffer zone every day.

Will the facility create a significant increase in truck traffic?

No. There are three routes to the proposed landfill. Truck traffic to the facility is estimated to average only 2 to 4 trucks per hour on each route. No trucks will be allowed on these routes at night after operating hours or on any Sunday. Litter, if any, from waste trucks will actively be policed by the landfill operator on all routes to the landfill within the buffer zone.

Will the landfill emit a significant odor?

No. This Landfill will be the only facility in the Gulf Coast area constructed from the start under Subtitle D regulations. As such, our facility will incorporate liquid and gas removal systems and will apply a six-inch earthen cover on a daily basis on top of the active fill area. These measures will be implemented from the first day of operations throughout the life of the landfill.

Will the landfill contribute to the local economy?

The company anticipates investing approximately \$45 million dollars in the construction of the facility over the life of the project. In addition, on a day-to-day basis the landfill operator will continue to invest heavily in the local economy by hiring Hancock County residents as employees and sourcing materials and supplies from Hancock area businesses and contractors.

Will the landfill be an economic development tool?

The cost of waste disposal has become a critical factor in site selection by

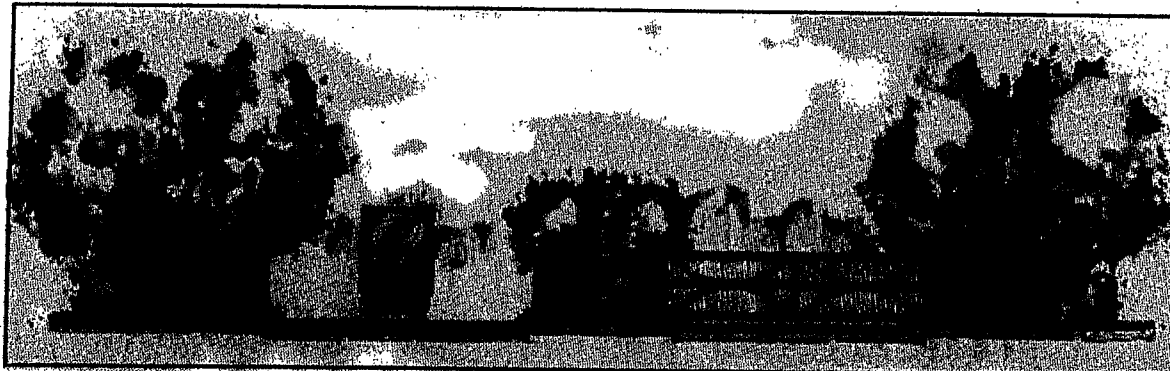
large businesses and industries. A modern, state-of-the art waste disposal facility will indeed be a magnet to help attract such businesses and industries that will create additional spin-off jobs and activity to further boost the area economy.

Will Mississippi Waste of Hancock County, Inc. participate in community efforts?

Mississippi Waste is committed to enhancing the quality of life in Hancock County by actively participating in community projects. Building an animal shelter for Hancock County, initiating a county-wide clean-up campaign and sponsoring recycling educational seminars at area schools are only a few examples of Mississippi Waste's dedication to Hancock County.

Mississippi Waste of Hancock County, Inc. is committed to informing the public about the proposed facility and modern solid waste management. We want to hear from you. If you have any questions or if you wish to attend an informational session regarding the proposed landfill please call the toll-free hotline number during business hours: **877-MSWASTE**

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Symphony's 11th annual Barbecue Under the Oaks

Tickets are now on sale for the 11th annual Barbecue Under the Oaks, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors to be held at Oaklawn on Menge Avenue, one-fourth mile south of I-10 in Pass Christian on Saturday, March 27 (rain date March 28), 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. This is an annual fund raiser to support the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra.

The 92 Ribmeisters will be serving barbecued ribs, chicken, whole roasted pig, grilled sausage, lagniappe, potato salad, baked beans, garlic bread, dessert buffet, tea and coffee. There will be a cash bar. Music will be provided by Davis and Sax.

Barbecue Under the Oaks Saturday, March 27

There will be a live auction of many items donated by merchants, restaurants, artists, stores, hotels and friends along the coastal area, New Orleans and Fairhope.

Some of the items to be auctioned are a string of pearls, two Emmitt Thames paintings, progressive dinner in Ocean Springs for 10 with "Celebrity" limousine to carry the party to dine at three lovely and unique homes, two nights at beachfront condo in Orange Beach with food gift certificates and a color portrait of your home by Thelie McGuffee and much more.

This year there will be a Pigadilly Circus — Children Under the Oaks Area for children 3 and up. There will be pony rides, train rides, petting zoo, carnival games, duck pond, roller bowler, cross bow, two space walks, caterpillar slide, indoor soccer, laser tag, shave the balloon contest, cake walk, face painting, clown and ventriloquist. Each child's admission includes unlimited fun with these games and activities.

There will be a raffle for a weekend at Windsor Court in New Orleans plus nearly 100 fa-

bulous door prizes to choose from under the Pigadilly Prize Tent.

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For information, call 228-875-2310 or 228-896-4044.

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Youth conference

Partners Against Tobacco in Hancock County (PATH) attended a conference Feb. 4 in Hattiesburg. Hancock and Bay High School students in the 9-11th grades participated in training provided by the American Lung Association.

Busy February for PATH youth

February has been a very busy month for PATH (Partners Against Tobacco in Hancock County) for members from Hancock and Bay High Schools. On Feb. 4 students in the 9-11th grades participated in training by the American Lung Association that enables them to teach children in elementary grades throughout the county the truth about the fatal dangers of tobacco.

The program, TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) are prepared to present video and skit-like events explaining the health danger tobacco holds for users and their families.

This is a group of very enthusiastic students who can relate their own experiences of losing beloved grandparents and relatives to tobacco illness and death. The TATU troupe is available for school presentations throughout Hancock County.

Other students from the 7th and 8th grades of Bay High attended the Y2 Conference in Hattiesburg Feb. 11. These teens are prepared to organize anti-tobacco activities and events through the county in teams that compete for a grand prize to Disneyworld.

PATH students rode the SWAT Car (Students Working Against Tobacco) in last week's



Beetle on parade

A white Volkswagen beetle rode in the recent Krewe of Real People parade in downtown Bay St. Louis.

Krewe of Real People Mardi Gras parade: The VW Beetle is equipped with all the bells and whistles of a police car while delivering its anti-tobacco message.

The car will be used to help recruit kids in grades 4-7 to participate in SWAT teams throughout the year to participate in the many planned events PATH has for children, youths and their families.

On Feb. 15, PATH kicked off the countywide essay contest for 3-12 graders throughout the county. Cash prizes will be awarded for essays written by our youths about the dangers of tobacco by our children.

For more information about what you can do to help our children in their mission, call PATH at 467-5456 and ask for Pat.

Education Foundation awards grants

The Mississippi Power Education Foundation has awarded five grants to several schools along the Coast. The schools are Coast Episcopal Elementary School, Biloxi Public Schools, Harper McCaughan Elementary and North Gulfport 7th and 8th Grade School.

Coast Episcopal Elementary School received a grant for "The Magic School Bus." The project involves converting a disabled school bus into a science laboratory that will be used by students from preschool through 5th grade. The bus will also be a resource center for teachers and students and house special materials and equipment.

Biloxi Public Schools received a grant for "Info-2-Go," a pilot program in the use of laptop computers for homebound students. The project will allow homebound students to use the Internet and a computer-based encyclopedia and dictionary to complete assignments and expand their general knowledge.

Harper McCaughan Elementary in Long Beach received two grants from the Foundation. The first, "Bedtime," uses sets of carefully selected books, character figures, journals and special assignments to motivate second grade children and their parents to become involved together in reading and literature.

The second grant will partially fund "Project X-Plorer-99," for gifted students. The project will stimulate students' interest in the space program through field trips and a simulated shuttle mission.

A grant to North Gulfport 7th and 8th Grade School will fund "Flex Cam — A View for All." Flex Cam will let a class view things together that previously were restricted to one or two students at a time.

Special equipment will let an entire class view microscopic specimens, dissections and teacher demonstrations at the same time and the activities can be videotaped for later use by other classes.

Since 1984, through its foundations, Mississippi Power Company has supported excellence in education in southeast Mississippi. During the past 15 years, the foundations have awarded approximately \$2 million in grants to individual teachers, schools and entire school systems.

Diamondhead volunteers at Discovery Center

Since Lynn Meadows Discovery Center opened in May, all of the exhibits, the Discovery Store and the reception area have been staffed completely with volunteers. Volunteers truly make the difference in the daily operation of the Discovery Center.

During the summer, four ladies attended a presentation about the Discovery Center at a Diamondhead Women's Club meeting. Bernadette Iverson, Molly Malpie, Roseanne Sneddon and Rose Espinosa were impressed by what they heard and wanted to get involved.

Since that time they have volunteered two Saturday mornings every month. "While my husband plays golf," says Iverson, "I come over here and enjoy the children's imagination as they go through the museum."

"I'm a widow with no grandchildren," says Malpie, "so, I have the opportunity of being with children here."

For Vera Thomas, a Diamondhead resident for six months of the year and a volunteer at the children's museum every Saturday during her stay, the Discovery Center provides a familiar setting for her — a place where children can learn.

"As a retired elementary school teacher," says Thomas, "I am thrilled to see children and parents interacting in the different exhibits."

Approximately 65 volunteers are needed each week. Each volunteer is trained and given up-

dates as new elements are added to the exhibits.

"Our needs are fairly large because of the number of exhibits we have, and because we want children to be able to get questions answered if they need help," says Oona Elliott, volunteer coordinator. "We are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with children in a stimulating learning environment."

Those interested in volunteering and would like a tour of the Discovery Center, call Elliott at 897-6039 ext. 14.

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is an interactive children's museum for young people, their families and schools providing exhibits and programs designed to teach through experiences while encouraging creativity.

The center offers six indoor exhibits, a museum store, a science lab and artist studio.

Located on six acres, the museum has outdoor exhibits which include a treehouse village, a Navy submersible, an organic garden and a performing pavilion.

In addition, different activities and workshops are planned each month. After-hours and special events rentals are also available at the Discovery Center.

For information about the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, event rentals, memberships and discovery visit opportunities, call 897-6039.



Essay winner

At the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1999 Mid-Winter Conference Jan. 15-17 at the Biloxi Broadwater Beach Hotel, it was announced the Afton Stanford won first place in the Department of Mississippi VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Theme was "My Service to America." Stanford is an 11th grader at Poplarville High School and the granddaughter of Arvine Garcia of Lakeshore. She competed with students within District One, which includes schools in Hancock, Pearl River, Harrison, George and Stone counties and won first place at the district level. She was co-sponsored by Kiln VFW Auxiliary 6285 and Poplarville 4196. VFW District One is under the leadership of Commander Johnnie Richard and President Janice White. Stanford then competed at the state level with other winners of districts throughout the state. She will travel to Washington, D.C. in March to compete with other finalists. The first-place national winner will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and an invitation to the National Convention and American Academy of Achievement. Pictured are Johnnie Richard, left, Commander VFW, and Janice White, center, president of District One, congratulating Stanford.



Bernadette Iverson, left, Molly Malpie and Vera Thomas prepare "The Portholes" exhibit for the children at Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

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Monday — Waffles and Syrup,
Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Tuesday — Sausage Biscuit,
Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Wednesday — Cinnamon Bun,
Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Thursday — Sausage Biscuit,
Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Friday — Grilled Cheese Sand-
wich, Cereal, Toast, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday — Chicken Nuggets,
Mexican Burrito, Creamed Corn,
Green Beans/Potatoes, Glazed Car-
rots, Fresh Apples, Chilled Peas,
Tropical Fruit Mix, Yeast Roll.
Tuesday — Spaghetti and Meat-
sauce, Loaded Baked Potato, Tater
Tots, Cheesy Broccoli and Caulif-
lower, Carrot Sticks and Dip, Or-
ange Wedges, Hot Cinnamon Ap-
ples, Fresh Banana, Texas Toast,
Rice Krispie Treat.
Wednesday — Beef Pattie Melt,
Chicken Pot Pie, Blackeyed Peas,
French Fries, Seasoned Green
Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Banana-
Berry Blend, Chilled Peas, Yeast
Roll, Strawberry Jello.
Thursday — Taco Salad, Chicken
Spaghetti, Whole Kernel Corn,
Green Peas, Lemon Glazed Car-
rots, Tropical Fruit Mix, Frozen
Fruit Bar, Orange Wedges, Yeast
Roll, Fruit Crisp.
Friday — Fried Chicken, Cheese
Pizza, Whipped Potatoes, Southern
Greens, Garden Salad, Fresh Mel-
on Cubes, Peach Slices, Fresh
Fruit Bowl, Roll, Vanilla Pudding.

**Hancock
High School**

Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup
Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa
BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or
Taco Sauce
LUNCH
Monday — Nachos Grande, Fish
Burger, Oven-baked Wedges, Calif.
Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fresh Or-
ange Wedges, Applesauce, Fruit
Juice, Crackers.
Tuesday — Pizza, Shaved Ham
and Cheese Poboy, Whole Kernel
Corn, Green Peas, Raw Veggies
with Dip, Frozen Juice Bar, Pi-
neapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice,
Crackers, Vanilla Pudding.
Wednesday — Salisbury Steak
with Gravy, Cheeseburger,
Whipped Potatoes, Ranch Style
Black Beans, Tossed Salad, Fresh
Orange Wedges, Peach Slices,
Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers,
Cinnamon Roll.

Thursday — Chicken Patty Sand-
wich, Fish Nuggets, Spicy Fries,
Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad,
Chilled Peas, Strawberry Fruit
Gelatin, Fruit Juice, Crackers.
Friday — Steak Fingers, Hot Dog,
Baked Beans, Southern Greens,
Whipped Potatoes, Applesauce,
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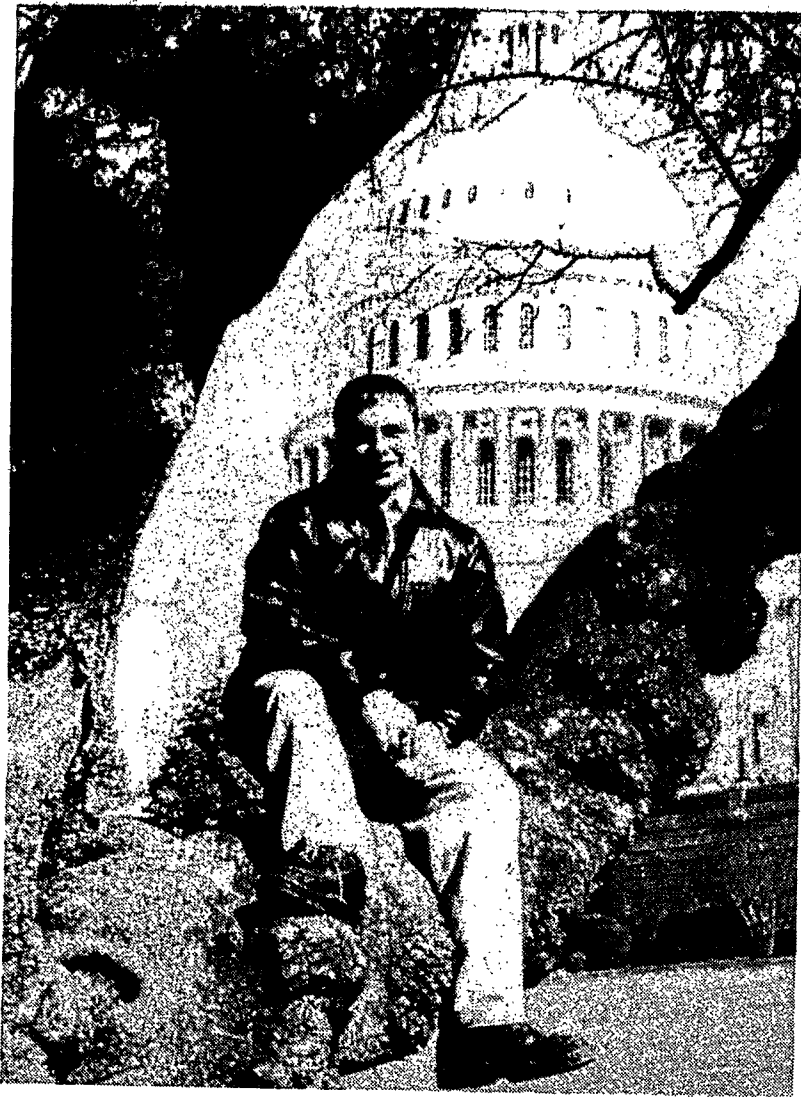
Monday — Waffle Sticks, Mixed
Fruit.
Tuesday — Flapsticks,
Applesauce.
Wednesday — Breakfast Pizza,
Juice.
Thursday — Egg and Biscuit, Juice.
Friday — Breakfast Pizza, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday — BBQ Chicken, Nachos
Grande, Oven-baked Wedges, Cal-
if. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Apple-
sauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls,
Crackers.
Tuesday — Pizza, Shaved Ham
and Cheese Poboy, Whole Kernel
Corn, Green Peas, Raw Veggies
with Dip, Frozen Juice Bar, Pi-
neapple Tidbits, Crackers.
Wednesday — Salisbury Steak
with Gravy, Soft Taco Supreme,
Whipped Potatoes, Ranch Style
Black Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach
Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls,
Crackers.
Thursday — Fish Nuggets, Ham-
burger, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad,
Tossed Salad, Chilled Peas,
Strawberry Fruit Gelatin,
Crackers.
Friday — Steak Fingers, Hot Dog,
Baked Beans, Southern Greens,
Whipped Potatoes, Applesauce,
Mandarin Fruit Cup, Cornbread,
Crackers.

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Choice of Fruit.
Wednesday — Ham, Mashed Po-
tatoes, Peas, Salad, Rolls, Fruit,
Desert.
Thursday — Fish Nuggets or Chef
Salad, Choice of Vegetable, Choice
of Fruit.
Friday — Cheese Pizza or PBJ
Sandwich, Choice of Vegetable,
Choice of Fruit, Desert Cup.



Presidential scholar

Jason Sick, a student at Bay High School, recently took part in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington, D.C. He joined 394 high school juniors and seniors from 34 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Canada. The students spent a week meeting with government leaders and learning about the democratic process firsthand. Highlights included seminars led by Father O'Donovan, president of Georgetown University; Ann Compton, ABC News White House correspondent; and Michael Powell, commissioner for the Federal Communications Commission. The group also enjoyed visits to foreign embassies, a private briefing at CIA headquarters and a performance by the political satire troupe, the Capitol Steps. Students rounded out the week with appointments in the offices of their Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill.

**Local student
participates in
co-op program**

Matthew Jacob Dillenkoffer of Bay St. Louis is participating in the Cooperative Education Program at Mississippi State University.

As a major in the area of chemical engineering, Dillenkoffer is working toward a degree and at the same time is working as a co-op student on alternating semesters in Pascagoula with First Chemical.

The Cooperative Education Program is a five-year educational program which allows a student in various fields of accountancy, architecture, agriculture and life sciences, arts and sciences, business and industry, education, engineering, and forestry to affiliate with a business, industrial or governmental firm while enrolled at Mississippi State University.

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3. To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious or immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community when other financial resources are not available to meet such needs

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of public facilities and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at City Hall, Waveland, MS on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of this application.

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February Teacher

Maria Lott, Gulfview Elementary, was selected as the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club's *Teacher of the Month* for February. Those in photo are, from left, Bob Hubbard, education chairman; Lott, Jan White, Gulfview Elementary principal; and Raymos McMillan, Bay Rotary president. Mrs. Lott was selected by her peers for the honors. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder).

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Coast area TOPS workshop
Willa Roberts of TOPS MS 35 Pascagoula was recognized as first place female winner for her loss of 25 pounds at the Coast Area Quarterly Workshop held in Ocean Springs Feb. 25.

Kim Jones of 281 Ocean Springs was second place winner with 20.50 pounds, and Donna Necaise of 122 Ocean Springs was third with a loss of 17.25 pounds.

In the Youth Division, Ashley Jones of 201 Helena took first place honors with a loss of 9.25 pounds, and Jennifer Mayo of 190 d'Iberville came in second with 6.50 pounds.

Male honors went to Robert Arceneaux of 19 Ocean Springs with a loss of 21.75 pounds and to Donald Adams of 122 Ocean Springs for his loss of 11 pounds. Each first place winner received a certificate and a bear or angel.

TOPS MS 122 Ocean Springs took home the trophy for the greatest average loss per member of 3.68 pounds, followed by 35 Pascagoula with 2.45 pounds and 201 Helena with 2.36 pounds.

No. 19 Ocean Springs hosted the meeting with Leah Lizana being mistress of ceremonies. A rededication ceremony took place with all members participating. Each pledged to help one another during the year with their faithfulness to TOPS and to one another to reach the ultimate goal of becoming KOPS, Keep Off Pounds Sensibly.

Plans were covered for the State Recognition Days to be held in Laurel April 30-May 1 for the statewide convention where many of the participants will be from the Coast.

KOPS Kare Bears and certificates were presented to members who have been keeping their weight off sensibly.

Marge Arceneau, 19 Ocean Springs; Rose Knight, 122 Ocean Springs; Flora Hungerford, and Anna Rice, 190 d'Iberville; Gloria Howell, 198 Picayune; Kathy Estapa, 233 Waveland; March Ann Adamo, 281 Ocean Springs; and Paula Ready and Sherrie Maufrey, 307 Waveland.

Second place went to Marie Pope of 219 Biloxi.

Assisting Carolyn Kinabrew, MS TOPS coordinator, in the presentation of awards were area captains Anna Reece of d'Iberville and Edwina Newbill of Helena.

TOPS chapters meet weekly in many locations on the Coast, and individuals are welcome to call for information about attending this support, weight-loss group.

Kinabrew can be reached at 228-388-1916, Reece at 875-2783, and Newbill at 475-2517.

Gulf Coast Newcomers Club

The Gulf Coast Newcomers Club will meet Tuesday, March 9 at the Holiday Inn Beachfront in Gulfport at 11 a.m. with lunch following at noon.

Any woman who has moved to the Coast in the past three years is invited to join. Call Elaine Friend at 867-9791 or Mary Ann Hubmann at 539-3153 for information.

Blue Jeans Garden Club

Members of the Blue Jeans Garden Club gathered on the grounds of the historic Bay St. Louis Depot Feb. 18 for ceremonies for the planting of a southern magnolia to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the club and in conjunction with the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation Board's 25th anniversary, Plant A Tree Week.

Guests representing the city of Bay St. Louis and Mayor Eddie Favre were Barbara Redding and Janell Thompkins. Mike Cuevas presented the club with a proclamation from Mayor Favre in appreciation for the donation of the tree.

After a brief ceremony, members met at the depot for their meeting and social. Hostesses were Gloria Norton, Nett Chetta, Jennie Ortis, Mayola Rotherham and Margaret Heitzmann.

The usual collection was taken up for the food pantry. Members voted to sponsor five children for the Special Olympics.

Guests present were Val Servat, Jackie Chetta, Julie Lagasse, JoAnn Lagasse, and Michel Gayton. The half and half was won by Lucille Witter, and five door prizes, compliments of JoAnn Lagasse, were won by Jackie Chetta, Val Servat, Jennie Ortis, Gloria Norton and Nett Chetta.

The club will meet March 18 at the home of Joyce Hicksin of Diamondhead with Rose Fryer co-hostess.

Special guest speaker, master gardener Patrick LaNasa, will give tips on gardening in general with a question-and-answer session.

Waveland Senior Citizens

The monthly meeting of the Waveland Senior Citizens Association will be Monday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue.

A well-known banjo player will be the featured speaker-entertainer. All seniors are invited. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 met March 3 at the Waveland Public Library. Best loser was Rebecca with 3 pounds. Best KOPS loser was Debbie. A ribbon for walking 25 miles was presented to Shelley and Rebecca. A ribbon for walking 50 miles was presented to Rebecca. Elaine receive a pin for walking 250 miles. Sarah receive a pin for walking 1,000 miles. The gift and the incentive award were won by Jeanette.

Election of officers was held. Pat was elected leader and Debbie co-leader. Karen N. was re-elected secretary, and Beverly was elected treasurer. Next week will be awards night. All members are asked to be at the meeting. March 13 will be the yard sale. April 6 will be the installation of new officers. April 30 and May 1 the club goes to SRD (State Recognition Day).

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Diamondhead Garden Club

The Diamondhead Garden Club has scheduled its annual Standard Flower Show for March 23 at the Diamondhead Community Center and is open to the public free of charge, 4-5:30 p.m.

The show will also be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 24, Diamondhead Day in the Spring Pilgrimage.

There will be a wide variety of horticultural specimens and potted plants on display as well as artistic and creative floral designs. There will also be exhibits on composting and "Pass Along Plants."

"A stop to view the beautiful flowers is a great way to start off the Pilgrimage day," said spokesperson Brierley Acker.

Pilgrimage maps and brochures will be available at the Community Center.

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 3253 will host a Family Feud Show Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 at 7 p.m. for cancer aid and research at the Post Home, 208 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Advance tickets are \$2 per person and \$3 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Post Home.

For information, call 467-9184 after 3:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

MILITARY MENTIONS

SEAMAN BENOIT

Navy Seaman Apprentice Renee L. Benoit, daughter of Alton J. Benoit of Waveland, was recently promoted to her present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Benoit received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle.

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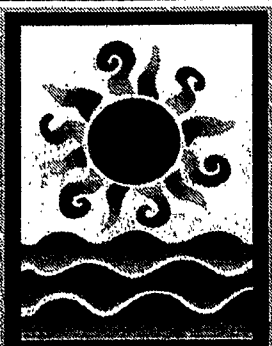
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Blue Jeans Garden Club

Members of the Blue Jeans Garden Club planted a magnolia tree at the Bay St. Louis Depot in association with the Mississippi Tree Planting Week. Club members in photo are, from left, Joyce Hicks, Beulah Peterson, Gloria Norton, Jenell Tompkins, City of Bay St. Louis; Mayola Rotherham, Mary Gilmore, Barbara Redding, City of Bay St. Louis; Thelma Exnicious, president; Mike Cuevas, Bay director of Cultural Affairs; Margaret Heitzmann, Betty Klein and Beverly Coogan. The club, now in its 51st year, received a certificate of appreciation from the City of Bay St. Louis presented by Cuevas. The club is limited to 25 members and began after the 1947 Hurricane and was named Blue Jeans Garden Club because many of its members lost all of their clothing in the hurricane, and blue jeans were about the only clothing several members had, and they were good to wear when working in their yards. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

DIAMONDHEAD DOINGS

BY PATRICIA DONOHUE
255-9501

There's more to Diamondhead than our extended Mardi Gras celebrations. February also kept residents busy with civic activities.

The Diamondhead Community Association held its meeting with the selection of the annual Citizens of the Year. This year's award went to Margaret Williamson.

Williamson has enriched Diamondhead year after year with her exuberant leadership, home-town friendliness and diligence. She is spearheading the Diamondhead Pilgrimage tour again, and we owe much of our Christmas Lights Program to her efforts. Congratulations, Margaret.

Speaker for the evening, Kip Reddien, provided some little known facts about the operation of casinos. Gaming is not your father's candy store. The DCA voted to donate \$1,000 to go toward a trophy case for the new country club. Now that's solid community support.

The speakers at the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association were President Terry Wyly, and immediate Past President Jon Rit-

ten of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

Wyly talked about the "Gateway Enhancement Project" and the chamber's anti-litter campaign.

"We need clean, attractive commercial areas, waterways and roads if we are going to attract major industry to our county," he said. "When visitors see litter, shabby paint jobs, etc. it diminishes our natural beauty in their eyes."

Ritten amplified Terry's talk and reminded the group of what a long way our DBPA has come since its inception.

Thelma McLendon then asked for volunteers to participate in the cleanup of the Diamondhead I-10 interchange Saturday, March 6. The response was excellent, not surprisingly.

Tennis World will host the Senior Tennis Tournament beginning March 8. Entrants' ages will range through 60, 70 and 80. Spectators will not be subject to age requirements — so come on out.

Don't miss the Park Ten Lanes Professional Bowlers Pro-Am Tournament April 6. You'll see those folks you've admired so much on TV right here in Diamondhead.



Kris Schaumburg

SSC student earns merit scholarship

St. Stanislaus senior Kris Schaumburg has been offered four-year merit scholarship packages to Arizona State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

Schaumburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Schaumburg of Waveland, is currently part of the St. Stanislaus Quiz Bowl team, the Math & Science Team, National Honor Society, and the Alpha Honor Roll. Aside from being a Student of the Month, Schaumburg has earned the distinction of National Merit Finalist.

"You would be a valued addition to an outstanding student body," said Bruce Crain, director of the Student Financial Aid and Scholarship at Mississippi State.

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"I hope you will be among the outstanding freshman scholars from across the nation who will enter Arizona State University in the Fall of 1999."

BIRTHS

RIVERLEE STUART GIBSON

Mr. and Mrs. James Elvis Gibson Sr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, RiverLee Stuart, February 8, 1999 at 3:06 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Gibson is the former Miss Brown.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dyas Brown of St. Joe, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gibson of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents are Mr.

and Mrs. John H. Gibson. RiverLee is welcomed by her brother, James Jr.

BRITANY MICHELLE CARVER

Timothy D. Carver and Sheila F. Carver of Pearlinton announce the birth of a daughter, Brittany Michelle, February 14, 1999 at 12:40 a.m. at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

She weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Carver is the former Sheila F. Cash.

Maternal grandparents are Elnora F. Cash of Salina, Kan. and Ralph W. Cash of Spring-

field, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Elsie and Robert Dawsey of Pearlinton.

Great-grandparents include Jack and Virginia Swalley of Springfield, Mo.

Britany is welcomed by her sister, Shelby.

ANTHONY JOSEPH MALLINI II

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mallini of Waveland announce the birth of their third child, Anthony Joseph II, February 17, 1999 at 10:01 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 6

ounces.

Mrs. Mallini is the former Charlene Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Charles Thomas of Columbus, Miss. and Earline Thomas of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Donald Mallini of Orlando, Fla., and Helen Mallini of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Martha Mallini of Pass Christian and Lucille Thomas of Union, Miss.

Anthony is welcomed by his sisters, Ashley and Katie.

MADYSON BROOKE DANIELS

Misty Daniels of Kiln announces the birth of her second child, Madyson Brooke, February 19, 1999 at 5:17 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Grandparents are Katherine Ann Daniels and L. B. Ladner Jr. of Kiln.

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WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS

Carpenter-Williams

Rev. and Mrs. Van Carpenter of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Katherine Carpenter of Memphis, to Lance Ronald Williams of Memphis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Williams of Sandersville and Mrs. Stella Powell of Gulfport.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roberts and Mrs. Carrie Lee Carpenter, all of Moss Point.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Carrie Mae Powell of Shady Grove, Mrs. Agnes Buckhaults of Ellisville and Mrs. Margie Caldwell of Sandersville and the late Mr. Bernel Caldwell.

Carpenter is a 1990 graduate of Bay High School, a 1994 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she was a member and officer of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and is a 1996 graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she received a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. She is employed as a physical therapist with HealthSouth Rehab Hospital in Memphis.

Williams is a 1992 graduate of Northeast Jones High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in business and marketing. He is employed as a territory sales manager with Thomas and Betts in Memphis.

Wedding vows will be exchanged Saturday, April 10 at 3 p.m. at Main Street United



Mary Carpenter and Lance Williams

Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. A reception will be held

at the Holiday Inn of Waveland following the ceremony.

Day-Ladner

Sandra Day of Bay St. Louis announces the engagement of her daughter, Dee Dee Day, of Bay St. Louis, to Shea Ladner, son of Mike and Gail Ladner of Necaise Crossing.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Bay High School and is employed by The Peoples Bank. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day Sr. of Loreauville, La., and Margaret D. Day of Lafayette.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Pearl River Community College and a 1994 graduate of Hancock High School. He is employed by Canon Engineering.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ladner of Necaise Crossing and Ethylene Ladner of Rocky Hill.

Vows will be exchanged March 13, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

A reception will follow at the Longfellow Civic Center.



Jessica Breaux and Allen Sekinger

Breaux-Sekinger

Norman and Cindy Breaux of Waveland announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica Rene Breaux, to Allen Kenneth Sekinger Jr., son of Allen Sr. and Debbie Sekinger of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Hancock High School. The prospective groom is also a Hancock High School graduate and is employed with American Medical Response.

The wedding will take place March 20, 1999, at 5 p.m. in the Kiln VFW Hall. Family and friends are invited.



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Ordinance sets restrictions on Pass Christian burning

BY ED LEPOMA
An ordinance that will set a fee and times when Pass Christian citizens can burn tree limbs, leaves and other debris almost ignited a heated debate Tuesday night.

But, Mayor Billy McDonald took control of the situation, taking the proposal section by section, and ultimately the ordinance was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen.

District 1 Alderman Jeff Emerson was the chief author of the burn ordinance, and it had been tabled several times, so city attorney Malcolm Jones could refine it. At Tuesday night's meeting, more fine-tuning was required.

When the ordinance came up on the agenda, Alderman-at-Large Leo "Chipper" McDermott was clearly upset with the wording of the first section. Citizens wouldn't be required to get a permit to burn their own debris in their yards, but that section sought to limit the burning at residences to the first and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 7 a.m. until noon.

McDermott said setting times when citizens can burn was "ridiculous," and to show his displeasure with the ordinance, he tore up the ordinance (or some piece of paper) in front of the audience.

McDonald moved to keep some order to the proceedings, and Ward 2 Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif said it was time for the city to enact some-

thing to control burning.

Emerson told the Echo later he introduced the ordinance because there were several incidences after Hurricane Georges, where neighbors complained about burning and where fires could have gotten out of control.

"It's time to be pro-active and not reactive," said Kalif. She said with the nice weather, a lot of citizens are opening up their houses to air them out, and they shouldn't have to be worried about their homes being filled with smoke. "It's happened to me," Kalif said.

McDonald restored calm, and asked Aldermen to go over the proposed legislation "piece by piece."

McDermott said, "We need to let them (citizens) burn when they want." Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine agreed, but said the cutoff time agreed upon must be strictly enforced.

Ward 4 Alderman Vonnice Bodenschatz said she had gotten a lot of calls on the ordinance from constituents, and she also thought it was "absolutely ridiculous" to try to set the days when citizens can burn.

"We're going to smoke up the city two days a month. What if the fires get out of hand? We're in trouble," said Bodenschatz.

Finally, Aldermen agreed to allow citizens to burn from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. six days a week, except Sunday. The fires must be completely smoke and smolder free within one hour after they are put out.

The ordinance that was passed also sets a permit process and a \$200 fee for commercial lot clearing and demolition. It also limits commercial burning to six days a week.

Under the ordinance, commercial applicants must apply for a permit and pay the fee at the city's Building Code Office. They would then go with the permit to the Fire Department, which will send an inspector out to the site and approve or disapprove of the burning procedures to be used.

Once approved, the burn permit must be displayed on the site where it is clearly visible from the street.

Anyone violating the ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and could be subject to a maximum fine of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail.

Emerson said the ordinance does not now address container of burn barrels, but can be amended later.

In other business Tuesday night, Aldermen agreed to spend a total \$47,003 to purchase two rescue units for the fire department through state contract. One unit would be stationed in the east part of town and the other in the west part of town.

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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MICHAEL RAY, DEFENDANT
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The City of Waveland will accept sealed proposals from qualified firms for professional services required for application preparation and subsequent implementation of their 1999 Community Development Block Grant program including public facilities, economic development, and urgent needs applications.

The City is seeking, funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. A Project Administrator, Project Engineer, and Project Attorney will be selected to oversee this project.

The services required for this project are:
ADMINISTRATIVE: Assist the City and its agents in the application preparation and subsequent program administration including management accounting, required reports to HUD and the State, implementation of applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements, establishment and maintenance of filing system; and serve as liaison between the City and the State.

Firms or individuals proposing to perform administrative services should submit a list of their qualifications, experience, and capacity for performance.

LEGAL: Consultation services as required for the implementation of the proposed improvements as outlined in the CDBG application in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations. Legal services shall include but not be limited to consultation services, the evaluation of all contracts and land acquisition, etc. Other services include examination of property records related to any easements which might be required.

Proposals for this project will be rated according to the following criteria:
1. EXPERIENCE with similar Community Development Block Grant Projects.
2. QUALIFICATIONS, knowledge, and technical expertise in this and similar projects.

3. CAPACITY FOR PERFORMANCE to perform required services in a timely manner, given current workload and staff.
All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best offer. Description and maximum points. Qualifications-40; Experience-40; Capacity-20; Total: 100 points.

Proposals are being requested in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, Attachment O, Paragraph 11C, "Competitive Negotiations." Contracts will be awarded to the qualified bidders whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the City, cost and other factors considered. The Mayor and Aldermen reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informality in the proposal process.

Proposals should be sealed and properly labeled as 1999 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT and may be delivered or mailed to City Clerk, 301 Coleman Avenue, P.O. Box 639, Waveland, MS 39576, and received at City Hall no later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 10, 1999, after which time they will be opened by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will then review each proposal and select a qualified firm or individual.
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Merit scholar

St. Stanislaus senior Jonathan Gagnon, son of Mrs. Jerry Ross of Waveland and Walter Gagnon Jr. of Bay St. Louis, has been offered a merit scholarship package to Spring Hill College in Mobile. Gagnon is a member of the soccer team, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the President's Honor Roll. He has also received the Academic Achievement Award. "Spring Hill College strives to recognize outstanding students who achieve academic success and serve in positions of leadership," said Steven Pochard,



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Elderhostel program at Gulfside Assembly

Gulfside Assembly, 950 South Beach Boulevard on the beach near Buccaneer State Park, will host its second Elderhostel Program of this year March 7-14.

The courses include Tricentennial Celebration: 300 Years of History on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Savoring the Sights and Sounds of New Orleans, which will include a city tour. The program is filled, however. Commuters are welcome at a nominal fee.

The public is invited to see special guest, Dr. James Pat

Smith who will be portraying Pierre LeMoyné, Sieur d'Iberville who led the French explorers.

Those explorers established the first permanent European settlement on the Northern Gulf Coast in 1699.

Dr. Smith's portrayal will be Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in Longmore Inn and is free of charge. Smith's appearance is sponsored by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.

For information, call 228-467-4909 or 467-5252.

GCRL, Marine Education Center offer wildlife photography seminar

Wildlife enthusiasts and photo buffs of all ages are invited to "Capturing Images of the Wild," 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi.

Award-winning wildlife photographer Tom Ulrich will present a slide show and will talk about animal behavior and photo techniques. Ulrich

travels around the world capturing birds and mammals on film and each year explores new regions with his camera.

Admission is \$3 adults and \$2 children and includes the opportunity to visit the aquarium after the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

The Marine Education Center is located on US-90 next to the Isle of Capri Casino.

Babe Ruth League holds tryouts, team drafts

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will be holding tryouts and team drafts on the following dates:

March 10, 5-6 (T-ball) draft only, 6 p.m.

March 10, 7-8, (coach pitch) draft only, 7:30 p.m.

March 11, 9-10, tryouts and draft, 6 p.m.

March 12, 11-12, tryouts and draft, 6 p.m.

Any 9-10- and 11-12-year-old players not returning to a team will be required to attend the tryouts. 5-6- and 7-8-year-old players do not have tryouts. Anyone interested in regis-

tering children may come 30 minutes prior to the times stated for the respective age group.

For information, contact Hooty Adam at 467-6476 or Mary Turcotte at 466-9400.

District schedules meeting

The Hancock County Water & Sewer District will have its monthly meeting Monday, March 8 at 8 a.m., 3068 Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis. The public is invited.

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Buying prescription drugs over the Internet may be bad for health, pharmacy dean warns

Americans flock to the Internet for their every need, shopping for shoes, software, even sweethearts. But health professionals are prescribing caution for online bargain-hunters in the market for cheaper medicines.

More and more Web sites are touting prescription medications at discount prices. Like a hot dog vendor at the ballpark, these Web sites announce their products with gusto: "Viagra! Viagra! Get Your Viagra Here!" Some advertised products may not be approved for sale in this country. Others can be dangerous, even deadly, for some people.

"There is still quite a bit of mystery about the Internet, and prescribed medication is one area where you probably should not be taking chances," said Dr. Ken Roberts, dean of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

"There's no substitute for a good relationship with a pharmacist."

Drugs like Viagra, Propecia and Valtrex — all of which are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration — can now be purchased via the Internet, sometimes without a doctor's prescription.

Many Web sites, including some based in other countries, list the drug's potential side effects and require the buyers to fill out a brief form describing their medical condition. But is that enough to ensure that the right drug will get to the right patient?

Not necessarily, Roberts said. "Pharmaceuticals are a very technical, quite sophisticated product which must be manufactured, packaged and labeled according to specific industrial standards and practices in the United States."

The practitioner who prescribes a medication assumes you're going to get the standard prescription product. But are you in a position to make that judgment about the product if you're purchasing it from a remote source? Are you assured of getting the standard product?

"There is a 'Buyer Beware' factor to consider," Roberts added. "If you've got a question about your prescription, who are you going to ask: the mailman?"

At first glance, buying drugs over the Internet may seem an economically attractive option; some drugs can be purchased in bulk at bargain prices compared to buying a limited supply from a pharmacist. It also provides anonymity for patients with potentially embarrassing conditions, such as impotency.

But anonymity can be a two-edged sword in medical treatment. "The risk is that you're cutting yourself off from the current system — which exists right in your hometown — that helps promote healthful behavior," Roberts said.

"If you order a pharmaceutical over the Internet, you don't know where it was manufactured or by what company. You haven't developed a personal relationship with the distributor of the product."

"In short you're separating yourself from this network of advice and counsel which consists of the physician or nurse practitioner and the pharmacist, who know the details of your health profile and can offer personalized guidance tailored to your needs."

In many cases, people who order drugs over the Internet are the ones who could most benefit from a pharmacist's counsel, Roberts said.

"These might be folks who are of limited or fixed income who need a lot of medicines and have to keep the costs as low as they can. But they also need the best medicine and the best advice because they may have very complicated health circumstances."

If you're looking to buy prescription medicines via the Internet, Roberts offered a few key questions to consider:

Is this the right drug for me?

See your family doctor or nurse practitioner for a thorough examination to make sure a prescription drug is needed. Don't diagnose yourself; your medical problem could be the result of an underlying condition that only a licensed practitioner could determine.

What's the correct dosage?

Again, consult your licensed practitioner. Recommended dosage for many medications will often vary from one patient

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Hospital tour

Coast Episcopal's three- and four-year-olds climb aboard Hancock Medical Center's CT scanner as Radiology Department technician Bob McHatten explains how the machine works. Local schools are invited to tour the hospital by appointment. Call 467-8790 for information.



Honored

Bay St. Louis Police Officers Paul Cox, second from left, and J. J. Robert, second from right, recently were honored at a Buckle for Life luncheon for issuing failure to use motor vehicle child restraint device citations. They are joined by Chief Frank McNeil, right, and Ron Sennett, executive director, Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning. "Our studies indicate that strict enforcement of Mississippi's child restraint law is one of the most effective approaches to encouraging this potentially lifesaving step," Sennett said.



Presentation

On behalf of the Main Street United Methodist Youth Fellowship in Bay St. Louis, Tammy Estapa is shown presenting Norm Montgomery with a watercolor sketch of the church by Allison Anderson, a local architect. The youth dedicated the Jan. 31 worship service to "Mr. Norm" for all his tireless efforts, incredible patience and unceasing dedication to the youth program at Main Street.

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Christ's death on a cross almost 2,000 years ago was unique in all of history. The Bible describes it this way, "Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:8).

First, Christ died "for sins." Christ paid the penalty due to others for their sins against God. No one else in all of history has ever done this.

Second, Christ was absolutely "just." He was totally without sin. He was "tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). He was "holy, innocent, undefiled" (Hebrews 7:26). Christ was in no way deserving of death.



REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD

All of us remember when it happened to us the first time. We were in a car, when suddenly the entire car began to vibrate violently, annoyingly. Only after some searching about did we pinpoint the source of noise as another car.

Our very first reaction had to be identical: "How can any human being not only withstand but actually enjoy such a deep, loud and throbbing base in such closed quarters?"

And, mind you, we're not talking about a few minutes or even just an hour of such bombardment, but rather many hours of each day of each week of each month, and so on and so on.

Doctors and common sense have been warning our children for years that such a constant siege on their ear drums will result in partial or near total deafness. Now, lo and behold, comes a verification in the worst way possible.

Of all people, the Baby Boomers are the first victims who have danced to the music and now have to pay to the piper. A Baby Boomer herself, Dr. Tomi Browne, an audiologist, has seen a shocking swing from older patients to her classmates.

This testimony is coming from a 44-year-old ear doctor accustomed to testing people worn by the onslaught of years.

Her shock was instant: "I'm seeing more of classmates... as patients, rather than them bringing in their patients. Sometimes, they're even bringing in their teen-age kids."

Frankly, I would have expected the latter situation with the kids to have been first. And that is the deeper troubling of it; for, the pound of flesh to be paid by the teenagers will be much more extensive and much more painful.

But, first, the Baby Boomers. While teaching some of this group in 1969, I was one of the judges at a talent show. The music was so deafening that my left ear became impacted with

Do you hear me?

wax and I could hardly hear but a ringing for some hours. "Dear God," I reflected, "something terrible is in progress here. These university students from their late teens up are being exposed to a crippling bombardment of offensive noise far beyond the level of their ear drums to endure."

The findings of Dr. Tomi Browne are being echoed by other ear doctors as well as by groups like the Hearing Industries Association and the National Health Interview Survey.

Seductive commercials, catering to the luxury and hedonist thirst of prosperous Baby Boomers, enthralled them with the glories of wrap-around, bone-humming sound, and enticed many to invest in and immerse themselves in a sea of noisy sound.

It's that old human bugaboo. We reason that, if something is good, more is always better. Of course, we know how false that is when we consider how the majority of people undermine their health by more and richer foods and drinks.

While we foolishly and stubbornly try to possess and enjoy the best of both worlds, the fast-deafening Baby Boomers are telling us frantically: "I won't wash! We know, because we tried long and hard. It all backfires."

The multi-decibel blasts of Baby Boomers have given way to the even more obnoxious noises of teenagers and power tools.

"Ne quid nimis" (nothing in excess), the ancient Latin philosopher said many years before Jesus. On his own terms, Jesus assures us that life to the full is possible, even mandatory, for each of us without any excess (John 10:10).

Hope Haven collecting beads

The Mardi Gras season is over for most of us, but Hope Haven, the Coast's only non-profit shelter for abused and neglected children, is hoping that the good times will now roll in their direction.

"We are asking everyone along the Coast to donate their Mardi Gras beads and throws to us," said Terry Latham, Hope Haven director. "Mardi Gras is special along the Gulf Coast, and we would like to put people's beads and throws to a very special use."

Hope Haven will collect the beads, and the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) members will sort the beads throughout the coming year.

Hope Haven will then offer the beads at reduced prices to the various carnival krewes for use next year.

"Throws are expensive. We will provide a valuable service to the krewes members and at the same time raise desperately needed money for our new shelter," said Hope Haven Vice President Mary Carpenter.

RSVP Director Jo Ann Lagasse said she agreed to help Hope Haven in this effort, be-

cause it is an ideal project for RSVP.

"We have 425 members, and we have more fun than the law allows. We are always looking for a worthwhile project to do. Recycling Mardi Gras beads is a great idea, and we like to see our efforts helping children. We welcome volunteers over 55. They may call 467-9204 or stop in at the Bay St. Louis Depot for more information."

Hope Haven is starting to collect throws now and will continue to accept them throughout the year. Throws should be in plastic bags or boxes and can be dropped off at the following locations:

In Hancock County, Carole's Olde Towne Restaurant, 119 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, and Atlantic Empire Antiques, 209 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

In Diamondhead, Jerry's Automotive and Fast Lube (behind Peoples Bank).

In Long Beach, VFW Post 3959 on Klondyke Road. In Gulfport, The Hub of Hope, 213 23rd Avenue (two blocks east of Rt. 49 near the state employment office), and in Jackson County, Johnny Beck's Automotive Dealership, 3401 Hwy. 90, E. Ocean Springs.

Christ's unique death

Third, Christ stood in the place of "the unjust." No one else is able to say they are without sin. "There is no distinction; for all have sinned" (Romans 3:22-23). Christ stood in the place of sinners. He died, "the just for the unjust." No one else has ever done this.

Fourth, Christ suffered and died "in order that He might bring us to God." Christ takes by the hand those for whom He died and brings them into the very presence of God. No one else is able to do this.

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This week's clue: A equals J

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These beautiful words spoken by Jesus in the book of St. John are both comforting and reassuring to those who follow the Good Shepherd. Not only do God's people have eternal life, they also know that no one can snatch them out of our Heavenly Father's hand. There is no such thing as a problem-free life, and although each day brings its own concerns and challenges, enjoying and appreciating the many good things that God has given to us, and then trusting in Him when problems do arise, will help make us better followers of the Good Shepherd.

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OFFICE SPACE, 1,000 SF, carpet, cable, air, kit, 1/2 block off Main, Old Town, 111 No. Second Street. Ideal for lawyer, doctor, etc. 466-4848, Ed or Sylvia Young.

159 Houses For Sale

CHARMING OLDER HOME 1 block from beach in Waveland. 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, cent. a/h, fireplace, screened porch, tile floors, \$84,000. By appointment, 467-1748.

DIAMONDEAD STUDIO, next to club-house & pine course, furnished. Currently rented short-term. 255-4235/message, 1-504-723-8392/24 hrs.

HORES LOVERS!! 4/2 RANCH, 2 ACRES, barn, workshop, 2 paddocks, owner. Kiln, MS. Asking \$120K, make offer. 255-4283.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. 504-456-6821.

NEW HOME: 3 BR/2 BA, beautifully centered on 2 acres of Grand Oak trees. Conveniently located just outside of Kiln, MS. 601-749-0014.

RENT TO OWN: 3BR, 1BA HOUSE, fenced, 2 lots, \$3,000 down, \$450 per month. 467-2136.

SPACIOUS, REMODELED, OPEN KITCHEN, Oak cabinets, family, den, lots of windows, porch, 1/2 acre corner, near public launch, \$56,000. 601-749-0014.

TRANSFERRED MUST SELL! 2B/1B remodeled cottage near beach, 204 Farrar St., Waveland. \$59,900. Call 467-1504.

CEASAR COMMUNITY: 8 BEAUTIFUL rolling acres of fenced & cross-fenced pasture land with a 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, barn & pond. \$89,900.00 Prudential Mississippi Land & Home Sales, 1-800-654-8924.

Public Notice

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Old Spanish Trail Mini-Storage, 716 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland, MS 39576, will sell to the highest bidder for cash the personal property of Myrtle Dyer whose last known address was 6434 Lower Bay Rd., BSL 39520. The sale shall take place at 10:00 A.M. at Old Spanish Trail Mini-Storage, 716 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland, MS 39576 on the 15 day of March, 1999. 3-7; 3-11; 3-14-99

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NOTICE ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication: 1982 GMC S-15 4x4 Pickup VIN #1GDT11486D8502531 These vehicles will be sold on or after March 29, 1999 Bulldog Towing 9028 Ladner St. Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 228-467-3287 2/28; 3/7/99

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID Notice is hereby given that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, will accept sealed bids on the following: GENERATOR SET FOR ON-SITE ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION

Specifications can be obtained from City Hall, 301 Coleman Ave., Waveland, Mississippi. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Sealed bids will be received by the City Purchasing Agent on or before 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 17, 1999 to be opened at 8:30 P.M. The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope identifying company name. Envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date. Linne Swiley Purchasing Agent City of Waveland, MS 2-28; 3-7-99

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JOHN A. STRAUSSER Cause No. 99-0104

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 14th day of February, 1999, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of John A. Strauss, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This the 11th day of February, A.D., 1999. Julius W. Schaefer, Administrator 2-21; 2-28; 3-7-99

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. STRAUSSER, Deceased Civil Action No. 99-0104

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JOHN A. STRAUSSER, Deceased, AND/OR ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO HIS ESTATE, who are not to be found upon diligent search and inquiry; and that the Post Office addresses of any such unknown heirs and/or other interested parties are also unknown to the Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry; You are hereby notified that the undersigned in this action is this County JULES SCHAEFER, Administrator, et al., requesting probate of the Estate of the said JOHN A. STRAUSSER, Deceased, as an intestate Estate, for a full and final determination of his heirs; and for other relief. Defendants other than you in this action are None. You are required to appear and defend against the Complaint or Petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m., on the 25th day of March, 1999, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County Court House Annex, located at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, before the Honorable Walter Teel, Chancellor, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 18th day of February, 1999. (SEAL) TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi By: Larrinell Scarborough 2-21; 2-28; 3-7-99

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TO: ALL PERSONS OWNING REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MS. Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint in this Court seeking to vacate and/or alter recorded plat pursuant to Miss. Code Section 15-27-31. The Complaint seeks to vacate the dedication of a proposed street connecting the seven hundred block of North Second Street and Dunbar Avenue in the City of Bay St. Louis. Said street dedication affects portions of lots 165, 166 and 167 in the First Ward of said City which are owned by Plaintiffs. PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE Sec. 15-27-31, THE COMPLAINT AND ALL OBJECTIONS THERETO ARE TRIABLE BY THE COURT AT ANYTIME AFTER FIVE (5) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 3rd day of March, 1999. (SEAL) Timothy A. Kellar Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS Attorney for Plaintiffs: Barrett B. Daly, (MSBRN 10654) Suite 2200 1515 Poydras Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 Telephone number 228-467-1225 37; 314; 32199

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IN THE

TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

1699 Commemoration continues at Gulf Islands

"...as night was coming and the foul weather continuing, so that we could not endure without going to the shore during the night lest we perish at sea, I stood for those rocks in order to run ashore by day to save my men and longboats. When drawing near to the rocks to take shelter, I became aware that there was a river."

(Iberville's Gulf Journals translated by Tennant S. McWilliams). Iberville describes inadvertently locating the Mississippi River March 2, 1699.

With good fortune mixed with bad weather, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville left the open sea in early March of 1699. Rowing inland in small boats, his purpose was to explore La Louisiane, France's new colony, and prove he had indeed found the Mississippi River.

If this was the great inland water route described by earlier explorers and missionaries, France could connect its Canadian and Caribbean colonies by water and better position itself in the game of New World domination played against age-old colonial rivals, England and Spain.

For the French war hero and explorer, striking upstream was both a gamble and race against the calendar. His fleet of ships, safely anchored at Ship Island, was running low on provisions and would soon have to return home across the Atlantic.

His orders were simple. If no word came from him in six weeks, his captains were to raise anchors, set sail and depart for France, leaving behind Iberville, 50 men and a failed expedition in the wilderness.

With the help of Houmas, Mougoulasch and other tribes, Iberville proved he'd found the great inland waterway. Next, nearly two months after first dropping anchor at Ship Island and one month af-

ter entering the Mississippi River, came the task of establishing on Biloxi Bay's eastern shore the site of Louisiana's first capital.

With a fort in place on the northern Gulf of Mexico, France could defend its claim to the Mississippi, block expanding English colonies on the Atlantic coast and check Spanish interference to the south, west and east.

During the month of March, Gulf Islands National Seashore continues its yearlong commemoration of 1699-1999: Ship Island and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Although French Louisiana lasted only 60 years, the influence of 1699 can still be traced 300 years later. Beyond providing names for Mississippi's barrier islands and Coast landmarks, the French legacy stretches from today's Gulf Coast through Louisiana and the mid-western United States.

During this period Ship Island has repeatedly played a part in the creation of American history.

The first program in March features Paul Carson, guest speaker from Jean Lafitte National Historical Park in New Orleans. On Sunday, March 7, he describes why the French came to create Louisiana.

From LaSalle to the Louisiana Purchase, the French stay in North America affected the history and very creation of today's United States. French flags on the Gulf begins at 2 p.m. in the Colmer Visitor Center.

From 1699 to 1702, Louisiana's first settlement, Fort Maurepas, survived in the area of modern Ocean Springs. On Sunday, March 14, French colonial marines land at Davis Bayou and discuss life three centuries ago in Biloxi Bay.

Who were the soldiers known as the "Free Company of the Marine?" Find out when *Return of the 1699 Soldiers* begins at 2

p.m. in the Visitor Center.

Imagine arriving to live in an unfamiliar land thousands of miles from home and with no hope for months of seeing a supply ship to follow — and perhaps not for years. Imagine not having a butcher shop, pharmacy, or general store to get basic necessities.

On Sunday, March 21, step outside and discover life's necessities were there if one knew where to look. Help locate plants used through time by natives and colonists on the Gulf Coast.

Marsh Walk/Stroll through History begins at 2 p.m. in the William M. Colmer Visitor Center and lasts an hour. Both adults and youngsters are welcome.

In the 17th century, wind blew against stretched canvas cloth to drive ships across the ocean to new lands and new empires. On March 28, kids can

sail back in time during *Art for Kids/Build Your Own Tall Ship*.

Recommended for children ages six and up, kids can discover the world of sailing, how long an Atlantic voyage could take to reach the Gulf Coast, and what did a sailor do when there was no wind.

All materials are provided, and admission is free at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center auditorium.

To learn more about Coast history and the barrier islands protected by Gulf Islands National Seashore, visit the Mississippi District headquarters in Ocean Springs. Davis Bayou and the William M. Colmer Visitor Center are located on Park Road off Hwy. 90 East in Ocean Springs.

For information, call 228-875-9057.

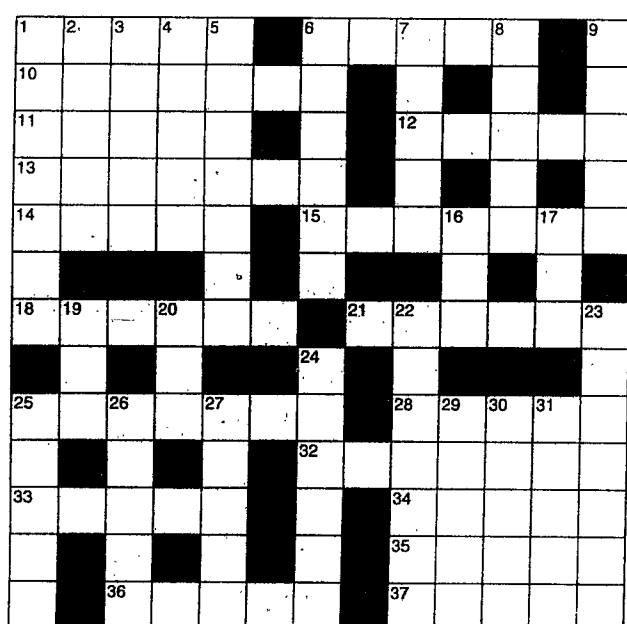
Needle arts exhibit set at Mobile's Oakleigh

Springtime is needle arts time at Oakleigh. This year the Historic Mobile Preservation Society will take individuals on a memorable visit to a gentler time with an Antique Needle Arts Exhibit and 1850's Tea on the Lawn Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or on Sunday, March 14, 1-5 p.m. at the Oakleigh Historic Complex, 300 Oakleigh Place in Mobile.

The rooms at Oakleigh and Cox-Deasy Museum Houses will be filled with treasured examples of antique garments, linens and decorative pieces all painstakingly and skillfully created in techniques that require a hand-held needle with an eye, including needlepoint, French hand sewing, embroideries of all types, quilting, smocking, samplers, pulled and drawn thread, cross stitch and more.

After going through each room, descend to the sunken garden and treat yourself to "Afternoon Tea." This delicious tradition was invented in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, to avoid the "sinking feeling" that often overtook her in the afternoon.

The tea will feature delicate finger sandwiches, scones with strawberry jam, tarts, cakes and a choice of teas served on tables laid with HMPS members' collections of china, flatware and table coverings. Two seatings will be offered each day, 2-4 p.m. Reservations are requested, and tea is \$15.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Opaque gems
6. Brazilian seaport
10. Set free
11. Body of water
12. Interior design
13. Wind instrument
14. Lotte ____, singer of Kurt Weill music
15. Grouping together
18. Furs
21. Wooden-headed hammer
25. Foes
28. About
32. Female reproductive organs
33. Rascal
34. Gold coin
35. Beethoven's "Fur ____"
36. Sprinter, for one
37. More compos mentis

CLUES DOWN

1. Songbirds
2. Monetary denomination, pl.
3. Man's name
4. Distrustful
5. Satisfy fully
6. Scold
7. Mythological serpent
8. Code
9. Small stuffed pastry (Yiddish)
16. Unit of measurement
17. No (Scottish)
19. River in Eastern France
20. Hurried flight
22. Passageways
23. Kitchen appliance
24. Imaginary line on map
25. Articulated
26. Fervid
27. Intestinal, var.
29. South Dravidian
30. Castor bean protein
31. Terminate

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Opals
6. Bahia
10. Release
11. Inlet
12. Decor
13. Ocarina
14. Lenya
15. Teaming
18. Sables
21. Maillet
25. Enemies
28. Circa
32. Ovaries
33. Rogue
34. Ducat
35. Elise
36. Racer
37. Saner

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Orioles
2. Pence
3. Allan
4. Leery
5. Satiety
6. Berate
7. Hydra
8. ASCII
9. Frog
16. Mill
17. Nae
19. Ain
20. Lam
22. Arcades
23. Toaster
24. Isohar
25. Eared
26. Eager
27. Ilac
29. Iula
30. Ricin
31. Cease

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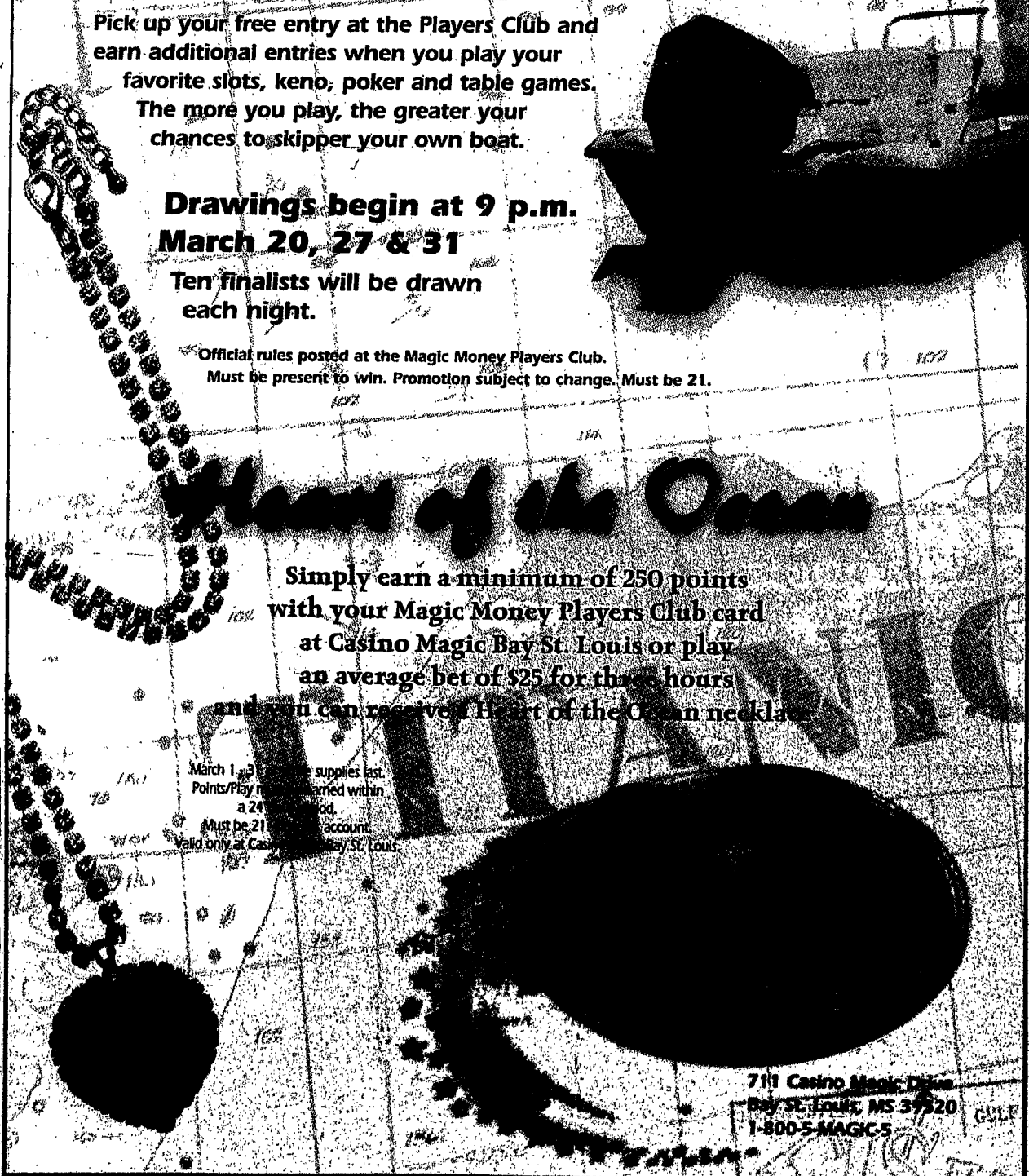
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